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New Castle Considers Revenge Porn Statute

By Anna Young

New Castle officials discussed the potential of creating a local law that would criminalize the sharing of someone's intimate photos or videos online without their consent.

With social media and technology continually advancing, Councilman Jeremy Saland implored the town board to start preliminary discussions on crafting a Revenge Porn law during a work session last Friday. Saland explained that explicit photos and videos are often shared online to inflict emotional pain and enacting a law would scare off potential offenders with tangible consequences.

While the New York State Senate passed a Revenge Porn statute in March and is currently awaiting Assembly approval, New York City's law went into

effect in February. Any individual who violates the law would be charged with a misdemeanor and face up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine, according to New York City's law.

"I unequivocally believe that even if it's never used, letting people know that this is a crime or can be a crime is a phenomenal message to young people and adults whether they are a jolted ex-lover that you cannot do this conduct because there will be criminal results, or at a minimum set you up for civil exposure in a lawsuit," Saland said.

State law currently protects individuals when sexual or other intimate images are unknowingly taken and shared, but not if an individual privately and willingly provides the image to another person who shares it without consent to harass,

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Services Set for Former Valhalla Couple Who Died in Murder-Suicide

By Rick Pezzullo

Funeral services will be held later this week for a former Valhalla couple who died in a murder-suicide August 8 at the Westchester Medical Center.

Visitation for Richard DeLucia, 71, and his wife, Ann, 70, will take place Thursday, August 16 from 2 to 9 p.m. at Pleasant Manor Funeral Home in Thornwood. A Mass of Christian Burial for Richard will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

According to Westchester County Police Commissioner Thomas Gleason, Richard DeLucia shot his wife with a licensed .38-caliber revolver while she laid in bed in the intensive care unit on the fourth floor of the hospital at about 9:39 a.m. Richard DeLucia then fatally



Richard and Ann DeLucia

shot himself. Both died of a single gunshot wound.

"I am grateful to the Medical Center staff and the officers from the Westchester County Police, Mount Pleasant Police,

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Car Show Attracts Various Vehicle Models



ANDY GUTSTEIN PHOTO

The 1st Annual Westchester Corvette Club/North Castle PBA Car Show was held July 29 at North Castle Community Park in Armonk. The registration of show cars far exceeded expectations with 184 vehicles, representing a wide variety of makes and models spanning the last 75 years, coming out for the day. These included a 1940's Ford WW II Jeep, hot rods, custom and show vehicles. Over 30 trophies were awarded including Best In Show, PBA Chief's Award, Survivor Award (most miles) and a Peoples' Choice award.

Upgraded Noise, Water and Air Quality Monitoring Planned for County Airport

By Anna Young

With the Westchester County Airport stirring up contentious debate over the years, County Executive George Latimer announced plans Monday afternoon to remediate residential concerns and discussed possible privatization of the airport.

Following a string of public forums in June where residents offered feedback on the airport's future, Latimer said his administration is taking an active first step to investigate airport operations and implement noise, water and air quality monitoring systems to create long-term solutions.

Officials said 10 portable noise monitors have been ordered and will be placed in areas that have received a high

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Westchester County Executive George Latimer discussed residents' concerns about noise, air and water quality at Westchester County Airport, as well as possible privatization at a press conference at the airport Monday.



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annoy or alarm the subject in the photo. The state has reported cases where images were sold to pornographic sites in exchange for money.

Saland stressed a Revenge Porn law would provide victims with additional protections and make them more willing to prosecute their attacker. As a criminal defense attorney, Saland said he has seen many cases of young students and adults engaging in similar behavior. We want to prevent it from happening here, he said.

"We may not hear of a lot of things, but it happens and when there's no recourse for it people don't know what to do," Saland said. "(State) law has not caught up to the reality of the technology in today's behaviors. There's no protection in the law, it's minimal."

He added passage would encourage county and state officials to enact a similar law.

"I think this is not just symbolic, but it shows that New Castle is in the front of this and I do believe in the next year to three years we will have this at

the legislative level," Saland said. "It's shocking it's not at the county level."

While Town Board members were split on how to move forward, Saland was advised to seek input from the New Castle Police Department and local organizations. Town Supervisor Robert Greenstein said he wasn't against the law but was hesitant about it creating a false image of the town.

"I don't want to seem like we have some huge problem in our town," Greenstein said. "It's going to come across like we have this big problem."

Greenstein said the topic is one tiny component of bullying and should be part of a broader discussion for the community. He also suggested sending a letter to County Executive George

Latimer advising him to consider the law countywide.

Councilwoman Lisa Katz agreed the board should examine cyberbullying as a broader topic, while Councilwoman Ivy Pool felt the law should be passed at the state level. Councilwoman Hala Makowska said the law would put New Castle ahead of the curve by being proactive and protective of their resident's privacy.

Saland agreed it would be in the town's best interest to attack cyberbullying on a larger scale but pressed the law would be beneficial.

"This legislation is there for a reason because it's a problem without recourse," Saland said. "Hopefully it's never used, but it's something worthy for review."

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Greenburgh Police and New York State Police for their prompt and professional response in the first minutes of this tragic incident," Gleason said.

Police detectives later found a note from Richard DeLucia in their Jefferson Village residence on Molly Pitcher Lane indicating he was distraught over his wife's medical issues and wanted to end her suffering. According to multiple reports, Ann DeLucia suffered a stroke a few months ago and recently returned home after staying at Burke Rehabilitation in White Plains. While at home, she fell out

of a wheelchair and broke her neck, and she was admitted to the medical center.

The DeLucia's resided in Yonkers and Valhalla for many years before relocating to North Carolina. They returned to Westchester in 2016, settling in Jefferson Village, Yorktown.

Richard DeLucia, who reportedly had suffered some health issues of his own in recent years, was a Vietnam veteran. The couple, who were married for 47 years, were former longtime owners of Westchester Manor in Hastings-on-Hudson before they retired. They were the parents of one son, Richard.

Westchester County Historical Society Appoints New Director

The Westchester County Historical Society has announced that Susanne Brendel Pandich of Chappaqua has accepted the position of Executive Director effective Jan. 1, 2019, succeeding Katherine M. Hite who is retiring at the end of 2018 after 23 years of service.

Currently the Manager of Public Programs for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Pandich will be responsible for

fund-raising, overseeing the production of the quarterly journal, The Westchester Historian; managing communications in print, on the website, and in person; providing advice on preservation projects in the county; supervising the acquisition of collections and historical materials; and fostering relationships with agencies and organizations that contribute to an understanding of county history.



Pain Shooting Down One Leg? What you need to know about symptoms and treatment of sciatica...

Ask the Doctor

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Q: Do I have sciatica?

A: You probably do if you feel a sudden and severe pain, along with numbness and weakness, radiating from the buttocks down the back of one leg to the foot. The pain can be crippling. It is usually intense when you walk, diminishing when you lie down.

Q: What causes sciatica?

A: The *sciatic nerve* branches from the spine in the lower back through the hips and buttocks and runs down the back of each leg to the foot. Sciatica occurs when this nerve is pinched in the lower back by spinal disc herniation – protruding disc material – or by a larger fragment of disc material. Disc herniation usually occurs during normal activities, such as rising from bed.

Q: Am I at risk for sciatica?

A: Sciatica is common. More than three million Americans are diagnosed with the condition annually.* Apart from the fact that 10 to 15 percent of patients have a family history of back problems, there are no risk factors. No behavior predisposes you to it.

Q: What are my treatment options?

A: If you have sciatica and it is not severe, you will typically receive oral steroids (anti-inflammatories) for seven days. Once you're more mobile, you will engage in physical therapy for a period of time and then be

re-evaluated. If your symptoms persist, you may receive an injection of steroids at the nerve root to reduce pain. If this regimen fails, physicians will offer surgery. However, if a patient comes in unable to stand – basically bed-bound – we advise surgery sooner. It is important to know that 80 to 90 percent of patients get better without surgery.

Q: What can I expect from surgery for sciatica?

A: This minimally invasive procedure takes under an hour, and consists of removing the disc material pressing on the nerve. Most patients are pain-free following surgery. We have seen patients who arrived unable to stand or walk for more than a few minutes, walk out the same day after surgery, completely asymptomatic. Sciatica recurs in ten percent of people, who may suffer recurrent bouts of the condition throughout their life.

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Mt. Kisco Trustees Considering Plan for Downtown Mixed Use Development

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Kisco Village Board of Trustees is exploring a plan to lease village property for downtown mixed use development.

Mayor Gina Picinich said last week the trustees are exploring zoning changes to provide an overlay district in the village-owned North and South Moger Avenues parking lots that would allow not only additional commercial development but residential development in the downtown.

Picinich said the village board is exploring the overlay zone concept as part of its work to revise the village's Comprehensive Plan. The trustees were scheduled to accept a draft revised Comprehensive Plan from the Plan Steering Committee at its Aug. 13 meeting. Also at the meeting the board was scheduled to adopt the scoping document for the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Comprehensive Plan and potential zoning amendments.

Picinich said the board's goal is to have the revised Comprehensive Plan and the overlay district approved by the end of the first quarter of 2019.

Many new leases for commercial properties downtown have been signed recently, Picinich said. "That's just simply by implementing a customer service attitude. Trying to work closely with people and move folks through the system," she said. "So things are going well with these short term fixes." But more needs to be done to foster development.

The board is looking at creating an overlay zone, which would change the current zoning of the parking lots, which are CB (Central Business) 1 and CB2, and now only permit commercial use. Existing residential properties in the downtown were in place before the current zoning was implemented. An overlay district would permit residential development, Picinich explained.

"More recent urban design planning says you need to have the people where the business is," Picinich said. "Lots of communities have adopted transit orientated development. The notion is that you build close to where public

transportation is, i.e., the train." Transit orientated development also translates to less need for cars.

An overlay zone would consider "where and how things are built and what the structures are like," Picinich described. Other items would be limits on lot coverage and the size of new buildings, as well as establishing design guidelines.

Picinich said the village would enter into long term leases with developers who would build on the North and South Moger parking lots. Though some commercial uses would be permitted, the main focus is to bring residential development to the downtown.

There would be three areas in the proposed overlay zone: the Moger corridor, the Main Street area "and a piece on the other side of the tracks, which is on Maple Avenue," Picinich said.

Current zoning for the area limits building height to 40 feet. The trustees are considering changing the height limit to 50 feet, Picinich said, adding some of the new parking lots would be constructed underneath buildings. There would also be setback requirements for the top story, she said.

Commercial and business uses would be limited to the first floor for the most part, with housing created on the upper floors.

The plan is for 200 to 250 new housing units to be constructed, Picinich said. The units could be a combination of market rate rentals and potentially some lower priced workforce housing.

Each of the three overlay areas would have individual standards. The maximum building height on North and South Moger Avenues would be 50 feet (four stories) with a setback of 42 feet; on Main Street the maximum height would be 45 feet with a 37-foot setback and 40 feet high on Maple Avenue to protect the character of that neighborhood, Picinich said. "We are a small village. We're a hometown and we don't want big, giant buildings. That's not Mount Kisco."

There are currently about 600 parking spaces in the North and South Moger lots, Picinich said. To prevent a net loss of spaces,

decked parking lots would need to be constructed in addition to the underground lots. "If that's not included we can't do it," she said.

The overlay district will also include some undeveloped areas "to be left for the public realm" in a village green concept, Picinich said. And, some of the commercial development could include visual art spaces, such as galleries.

Picinich said it is "quite likely" the overlay district will be approved by the Board of Trustees.

The trustees will approve a Request for Proposals (RFP) from developers interested in building in the proposed overlay district, Picinich said.

Deputy Mayor Jean Farber said last week she supported the overlay district concept.

"The proposed overlay district for the downtown holds the key to the future of new development and great economic growth for Mount Kisco," she said. "Any design plan should include a mixed use program that incorporates some residential development with retail/restaurant use, personal service and/or cultural/civic uses plus parking. Parking is a huge concern in that we do not want to forfeit any spaces that we currently maintain."

"The challenge will be developing a site to encompass all these things while maintaining the neighborhood character



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich discussed a plan for an overlay district for the downtown village-owned parking lots that would permit residential and commercial development during an interview last week in her office.

of our downtown in size, scale and charm," Farber said.

"We are looking to enhance downtown as a vibrant, attractive destination, integrating new residents of all ages while improving areas of congestion, sidewalks and crosswalks, traffic and parking. We want to fill the empty storefronts while improving lighting, landscapes, and safety for all our residents to enjoy," Farber said. "I know this is a tall order, but if we can develop the right plan it will be well worth the effort."

Teenage Girl Hospitalized After Being Hit by Car in Armonk

By Anna Young

A 16-year-old girl was hospitalized Sunday with what police are characterizing as serious injuries after being hit by a car in Armonk.

Police found the Armonk teen lying in the roadway about 90 feet south of the intersection of Main Street and Bedford Road at about 4:24 p.m. on Sunday. After aid was provided by North Castle Police and members of the Armonk Fire Department, the girl was brought to the Westchester Medical Center. More information about the nature of the injuries have not yet been released. The police closed Main Street for

several hours as the investigation took place.

The 67-year-old driver of the car who hit the teenage pedestrian remained on the scene of the accident, cooperating with the police investigation, and no charges have been filed against the Armonk resident. The investigation is ongoing.

A GoFundMe page has already been created to help support the family. As of Monday night, \$8,123 had been raised, with a goal to raise \$75,000.

The page describes the teen as being in stable but critical condition in the Intensive Care Unit at Westchester Medical Center.

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Ralph's Ices Granted an Extension to Build Retaining Wall in October

By Anna Young

North Castle officials and the owner of Ralph's Ices agreed last week to move forward with plans to construct a possible retaining wall in October to protect the public from an eroding cliff at the North White Plains business site.

Despite several delays to meet various conditions, owner Scott Rosenberg told Town Board members at their meeting last Wednesday that he is taking the necessary steps to comply with the town's site plan requirements. Following a site visit last month with the town's consulting engineer John Kellard, Rosenberg installed a temporary four-foot chain link fence along the top of the existing dirt wall to protect the public from falling debris.

The key issue is to protect the public from dirt and rocks from the hillside that have been periodically dropping into the parking lot since site work was done at the property in preparation for Ralph's Ices 2017 opening. However, there has been disagreement between Rosenberg and consulting engineer, Joseph Tremele of Kellard Sessions in Armonk, about the best course of action to address the problem.

Board members told Rosenberg last month if he didn't take steps to comply with the site plan by their Aug. 8 meeting the popular ices and ice cream shop on North Broadway could forfeit its \$35,000 performance bond, receive a summons



The rock wall in the parking area of Ralph's Ices periodically drops dirt and rocks and has been determined a hazard to public safety.

and/or have its temporary Certificate of Occupancy revoked.

"You certainly followed that first step, thank you," Councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto said.

The proprietor has been regularly appearing before the board during the past few months as officials have tried to get him to comply with the site plan. Other conditions that have been completed include striping of the parking lot, signs and landscaping of the property.

On Aug. 7, Kellard sent correspondence to town officials explaining the rock excavation is very close to the property line and is not stable due to the fracturing and

weathering of the rock. With a permanent solution needed to stabilize the slope, he and Rosenberg agreed the construction of a reinforced retaining wall at the location of the existing garden wall would be the best long-term solution.

Rosenberg said he is currently sending out bids to retain the services of a structural engineer to prepare the final design of the wall. The design would require planning board approval.

"We're trying to find something that's aesthetically more pleasing than the retaining wall, but if we don't we're going to put up the wall," Rosenberg said.

Since a portion of the parking lot

would need to be closed while the wall is being constructed, Rosenberg requested construction begin on Oct. 1 when business slows down. The board agreed to extend his performance bond to Oct. 10, but requested Rosenberg provide a reasonable end date to the construction project.

Town Supervisor Michael Schiliro emphasized construction would need to be completed before the winter season. Schiliro urged Rosenberg to work swiftly throughout the month to ensure a submission is made by Sept. 5 to be placed on the Sept. 24 planning board agenda.

"We've been extending and extending and extending with an effort of trying to accommodate you as a business owner but trying to get this done, obviously we're at the point where there's not more time," Schiliro said. "It's got to get completed and the next three weeks are critical to making sure you have all your pieces in place."

With Kellard offering to meet with Rosenberg at the end of the month to discuss any issues that may arise, board members advised Rosenberg take advantage of that meeting.

"If something happens you almost need to treat the Aug. 30 meeting as though that's the most important date for your entire business operation," Schiliro said. "Between now and the 30th there's a sense of urgency. Treat everything like an urgency."







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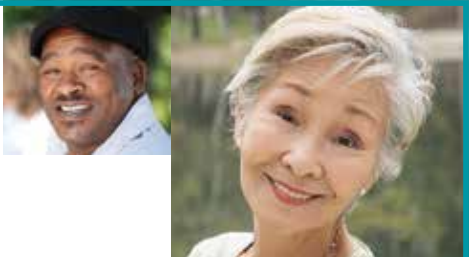
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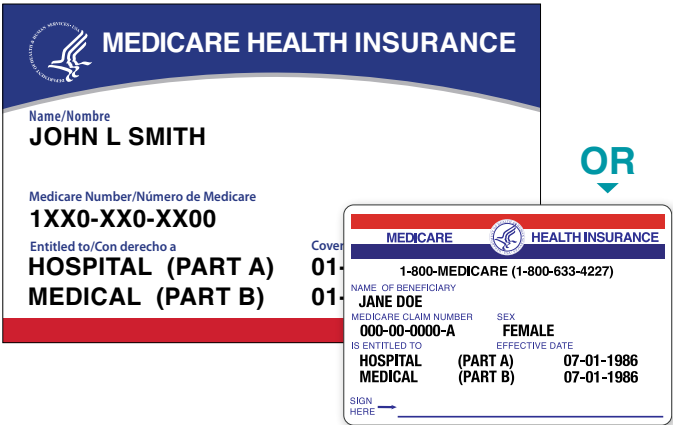


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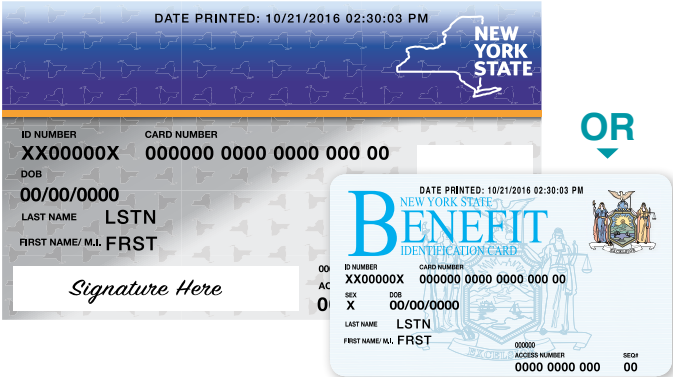


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volume of complaints by the end of the month. The monitors will assess and validate the accuracy of data collected from the systems currently in place. A consultant has also been hired to analyze best practices to institute a state-of-the-art fixed noise monitoring system.

Data gathered from the monitors will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which oversees air travel, Latimer said.

"We intend to change the permanent monitoring," Latimer said at a press conference held at the Westchester County Airport. "We've seen a heavy

concentration over the route that takes in Pleasantville and Chappaqua into the airport which was not what it was 10 years ago. We intend to try to attach these to the locations where the greatest amount of current noise is."

Improvements will also be made to the noise complaint system to increase response time and provide greater detail to resident concerns. Changes will go into effect in September.

While residents panned the increased traffic, noise, drainage and environmental impacts throughout the forums, several strongly opposed privatizing the county-owned airport. With the county facing

a \$32.2 million deficit, Latimer, who harshly criticized former county executive Rob Astorino's controversial plan to lease the airport to a private operator during his 2017 campaign, said any decisions to lease the airport will be decided by the Board of Legislators.

"Governance of this airport has never been the main issue," Latimer said. "The issue of governance was brought in by the last administration and turned the discussion of the airport into a financial discussion."

Latimer said seeing the airport operate efficiently as a "transportation hub" is his main goal and has never viewed the

airport "as a piggy bank to crack open." While he accused Astorino of wanting to "liquify an asset," he said the county has a fiduciary responsibility to balance the county budget.

Latimer added there is an ongoing dialogue between county officials as to whether the airport would be leased long-term but wouldn't confirm if any proposals received under Astorino's administration were still up for consideration. Latimer said his administration has met with Oaktree Capital Management and Macquarie Infrastructure Corp. about their proposals, but asserted, "no documents have been sent to the board of legislators."

Macquarie proposed a \$1.1 billion public-private partnership last fall. The 40-year lease would have included a \$595 million financial offer accompanied by \$550 in capital funds to maintain and improve the airport's infrastructure. Oaktree proposed a \$140 million deal in 2016.

Discussions with the board of legislators are informal but will only become formal if they choose to investigate one proposal, Latimer said.

"When we submit a budget in November it will reflect the common dialogue between the administration and the legislator," Latimer said. "I have not been a fan of changing the governance of the airport but I'm willing to listen to whatever the dialogue is, and that dialogue will be informal on the outset."

Development Director of Westchester Parks Foundation Named 2018 Rising Star

Marissa Madonia, Development Director of Westchester Parks Foundation, has been named among The Business Council of Westchester's 2018 Class of Rising Stars.

Rising Stars honorees are chosen based on professional and/or entrepreneurial accomplishments, professional and/or business affiliations, and demonstrated leadership skills.

Madonia joined Westchester Parks Foundation in January 2017 after seven years working for non-profits to oversee the organization's major gifts and annual giving program, as well as plan and execute new opportunities for donors to support Westchester parks and programs through philanthropy and volunteerism.

Madonia received her BA from Marymount Manhattan College. In addition to her work with Westchester Parks Foundation, Marissa serves as a Board Member on the Association of Development Officers.

Madonia resides in Ardsley with her husband Michael and daughter Siena.

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Langiulli Appointed Interim Principal at Seven Bridges Middle School

By Anna Young

The Chappaqua Board of Education appointed a veteran educator to serve as the interim principal of Seven Bridges Middle School last week.

Linda Langiulli was appointed on Aug. 8 and will fill the vacancy created by Andrew Corsilla. Corsilla was recently chosen as the principal of Horace Greeley High School, filling the post suddenly vacated by Robert Rhodes.

During the interview process, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine

Ackerman said Langiulli stood out as a caring, positive, compassionate, and knowledgeable individual.

Ackerman added that Langiulli possess an intuitive sense of what is needed, has demonstrated a history of forging strong relationships with students, staff and parents, and is someone who will prepare students for the future by balancing current teaching and learning practices with innovative methods.

"Linda has a proven record of creating collaborative environments and her

extensive background as a school leader will serve Seven Bridges well," Ackerman said. "Her interim appointment will give us the time needed to conduct a thorough and comprehensive search for the middle school's next principal."

Along with a principal search, the district will have to fill another administrative position. Seven Bridges assistant principal Gregory Stiefel was appointed on Aug. 8 to serve as principal of Tuckahoe Middle School, effective Aug. 27.

Langiulli began her career in education



Linda Langiulli

in New York City where she served as a teacher for more than 20 years. After leaving the classroom, she worked as a trainer/mentor, staff developer, and interim assistant principal. Langiulli has also served as principal of Cross Street School in Mineola on Long Island and principal of P.S. 149/207 in Manhattan. She also served as a clinical field supervisor for Fordham University. Currently, she is an adjunct professor at Mercy College.

Langiulli attended Hunter College, where she earned both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in education and received a diploma in supervision and administration.

Mount Pleasant Town Board Considering Vape Shop Limitations

By Neal Rentz

The Mount Pleasant Town Board is considering legislation to regulate the opening of vape shops because of the potential harm that can be created by the use of electronic cigarettes, particularly among youth.

At the Aug. 7 Town Board work session Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi said the purpose of regulating the opening of vape shops would be "to keep it away from children."

Town Attorney Darius Chafizadeh told the Town Board last week it could make it difficult to open a vape shop through limitations on where they could be operated. He suggested that vape shops could not be open within 5,000 feet of parks and other locations where children might congregate,

within 2,000 feet of a school and 1,000 feet from another vape shop, though none are currently operating in Mount Pleasant.

Chafizadeh said a special permit from the Planning Board should be required to open a vape shop. Special permits expire three years after approval by the Planning Board and they would need to be renewed, he noted.

The Town Board may hold a public hearing on legislation to restrict vape shops in September.

Drainage fund

Also discussed at last week's meeting was a proposal from Fulgenzi to create a fund for drainage maintenance. Fulgenzi is seeking to create a drainage district that would allow for the collection of property

tax dollars that would be earmarked for drainage maintenance projects, such as repairing storm drains. The town typically funds drainage projects through borrowing by approving a bond, Fulgenzi said.

If a drainage district was created there could be a line item in each year's town budget for drainage maintenance project rather than continuing to borrow for those projects, Fulgenzi said.

Chafizadeh said the first step in creating a drainage district would be for the Town Board to approve a map of the proposed district. Fulgenzi said he could provide the town attorney with a map.

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Obituaries

Evelyn Mellor

Evelyn M. Mellor, 89, formerly of Hawthorne, and most recently of Venice, Fla. died on Aug. 9.

She was born on Nov. 3, 1928 to the late Harry and Frances (nee Adams) Groen in Yonkers. Evelyn was a former member of the Hawthorne Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, The Hawthorne Reformed Church and the Eastern Star.

She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Robert Mellor in 2012 and her sister Dorothy Maiden.

Evelyn is survived by her loving children, Gary (Sherry) Mellor of Wayne, N.J. and Laurie Wally of Englewood, Fla. also survived by her

two cherished grandchildren, Kristy (Garrett) Woods of Raleigh, NC and Daniel Wally of Ft. Myers, Fla. and sister, Beatrice Pison of Palm Coast, Fla.

Reposing, Hawthorne Funeral Home on Saturday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, where Funeral Services will take place at 12 noon.

Interment follows at Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla.

In lieu of flowers donations to Hawthorne Reformed Church, Broadway, Hawthorne, N.Y. 10532, would be appreciated.

James Rothwell

James (Jim) E. Rothwell of Washington died on Aug. 4.

He was 43.

Rothwell was born on Sept. 17, 1974 to Thomas and Theresa Rothwell in Mount Pleasant. The Westlake High School graduate obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental studies from SUNY Plattsburgh and moved to Washington State where he has worked for the past 20 years.

Rothwell had a passion for mountaineering, hiking, rock climbing, skiing, split boarding, riding, cycling, and outdoor sports. Always adventurous, he climbed Mount McKinley four years ago and his travels took him around the globe, including Australia, Japan, Nepal, India, Germany and Eastern Europe.

He is survived by his two brothers, Francis Rothwell (MaryBeth) of Ridgefield, Conn. and Thomas Rothwell of Alexandria, V.A., and two sisters, Elizabeth Keith (Jon) of Winston, G.A., and Christina Mohl (Robert) of Dobbs Ferry. He also leaves behind his nine nephews, who will miss him dearly.

Rothwell was a loving and caring son, brother, uncle and friend who spread sunshine and laughter at every turn. He



James Rothwell

passed away doing what he loved, and he will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held last Thursday, Aug. 9 at Holy Rosary Church in Hawthorne followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Pools, Popsicles & Planning Postponed in Mount Pleasant

The Pool, Popsicles & Planning event in Mount Pleasant that had been scheduled for Aug. 11 was postponed due to the weather.

The event has been rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

at the Mount Pleasant Pool, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla, The pool phone number is 914-769-1766 and the Town Hall main phone number is 914-742-2300.

—Neal Rentz

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Police Blotter

County Police/Mount Kisco

Aug. 7: A woman reported to police at 2:43 p.m. that she found a shotgun in the closet of her deceased mother's apartment while she was cleaning out the residence. At her request, officers took possession of the weapon and gave her a property voucher because she did not want to be responsible for it.

Aug. 8: Police responded to Amuso Drive at 3:39 p.m. on a report that a 39-year-old woman was suffering chest pains. Westchester EMS also responded to provide medical aid and transported the woman to Northern Westchester

Hospital.

Aug. 9: A village resident reported at 1:09 p.m. that someone attempted to scam her out of \$950 by claiming her grandson needed money sent to him via Western Union.

Aug. 10: Police responded to Lexington Avenue at 11:07 a.m. on a report that a woman was having an adverse reaction to medication she had been prescribed. Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps also responded and transported the woman to Northern Westchester Hospital.

North Castle Police Department

Aug. 3: Police received multiple complaints at 6:28 p.m. that a dog was locked inside a blue Toyota Prius at the Stop & Shop on 670 N. Broadway. The vehicle was gone when police arrived.

Aug. 4: An arrest was made at 12:27 a.m. on SR 22 for aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle following a traffic stop.

Aug. 4: At 5:51 p.m., a caller reported finding two firearms in her deceased mother's home and requested to surrender them for safekeeping. Police report the BB gun will be secured at headquarters.

Aug. 5: A caller reported at 2:21 a.m. that her 27-year-old intoxicated brother left their vehicle after pulling over on

Whippoorwill Road and was missing for 40-minutes. The responding officers stated the party was located and left without incident.

Aug. 6: Construction contractors on Old Orchard Street reported a possible break-in at 9:05 a.m. based on a damaged lock on the front gate. Officers responded and checked the property with employees for further criminal activity.

Aug. 7: A complainant reported at 4:48 p.m. a U-Haul cargo van had not been returned to her facility on Virginia Road and was due back on June 6. She reported the vehicle stolen.

Aug. 9: Residents on Smith Farm Road and Mead Road reported they heard about nine-gun shots fired around 10 p.m. One resident said the shots came from Hissarlik Way while the other said the area of Conyer's Farm horse stable. Responding officers reported the area was quiet.

Pleasantville Police Department

Aug. 7: A 40-year-old Yonkers man was arrested at 2 p.m. on Memorial Plaza for operating a vehicle with a suspended license following a traffic stop.

Aug. 7: An arrest was made at 5:31 p.m. on 42 Wheeler Avenue. Police could not provide additional information.

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Donna Mueller, Photographer Pleasantville

By Anna Young

While Donna Mueller could always be found with a camera in her hand, it wasn't until five years ago that she realized she was destined to be a photographer.

Mueller, a Pleasantville mother of three, was always in attendance at her kids' sporting events snapping action shots for herself and other parents. But it wasn't until her friend, Anna DiGillio, offered her the opportunity to work professionally for various sports affiliations in Pleasantville that Mueller began to consider turning her passion into her livelihood.

After spending 14 years working as a financial systems administrator with Morgan Stanley, Mueller left the corporate world and immersed herself in something she had fantasized about since childhood – becoming a professional photographer.

She quickly launched Donna Mueller Photography.

"I've always loved taking photos and always wanted to be a photographer," Mueller said. "I just didn't really think it could happen. I really felt there was nothing rewarding about working in the

business world, but with photography, it was meant to be."

Five years later, Mueller's business continues to flourish. This year she was named "Best Family Photographer" for Westchester Magazine's "Best of Westchester" annual awards. She also received the award in 2016.

"It's exciting and I'm just very proud," Mueller said. "I appreciate all of my clients, family and friends who have encouraged and supported me."

Mueller, a self-taught photographer, was known as the family shutterbug growing up. After getting a 1.3 mega pixel digital camera, she said her love for photography only evolved as she got older. While life steered her away from photography when she entered the banking industry, her passion was reignited when her three sons became involved in sports.

Mueller said she would take team photos and action shots and then turn them into slideshows for the schools and parents to enjoy.

When DiGillio offered her the chance to work professionally, Mueller knew it



was time to leave the corporate world and start the next chapter of her life. Despite an overwhelming first week, Mueller received many compliments and quickly gained confidence in herself to deliver the best product.

"Everybody here was very supportive and encouraging and they loved my work," Mueller said. "People right away started asking me to take family portraits, and since then I've just grown very naturally with social media."

Mueller specializes in shooting family, maternity and engagement portraits, headshots, sporting events, fundraisers, Bar and Bat Mitzvah parties, weddings, christenings, communions, sweet 16's, modeling sessions, birthday milestones and first birthday cake smash sessions.

"My favorite thing to do is extended family photo shoots because I love

that the grandparents and all of their grandchildren get to have these special moments they can treasure forever," she said.

While Mueller relishes in her success, she always makes time to give back to her hometown whenever she can by taking photos of various events.

"I like to volunteer my time to give back," Mueller said. "I just love this town and I want to do this for everybody. I would do anything."

Mueller said her most memorable experience came this year when she captured each Pleasantville High School football and lacrosse game and then watched her children and their teammates through her lens win both state championships. She said it was an amazing experience as a parent to share her gift of photography with the teams and the entire Pleasantville community.

While some photographers might see their job as a paycheck, Mueller said she does it because she loves capturing special moments and creating beautiful memories for her clients to cherish.

"It makes me happy when I see people smiling and happy. I'm not in this for the money, I just enjoy giving this gift to people," Mueller said. "I love making people smile and giving people this gift of memories that they can treasure forever."

For more information or to schedule a session, visit www.greatkeepsakes.com or email DonnaMueller@optonline.net.

North Castle's New Police Hires



ANNA YOUNG PHOTO

The North Castle Town Board and Police Department celebrated the recent hiring of three new police officers last week. The new officers were sworn in by Town Supervisor Michael Schiliro on July 23, and they began their 21-week stretch of Basic Recruit School at the Westchester County Police Academy on July 30. (L to R) Chief of Police Peter Simonsen, Alec Tobia, Matthew Berni and Joseph Keenan.

Patients Take Therapeutic Horseback Riding Trip

Fifteen patients from Hospital for Special Surgery's Lerner Children's Pavilion were riding high in July when they were treated to a therapeutic horseback-riding trip. Certified riding instructors at Endeavor Therapeutic Horsemanship in Mount Kisco, introduced the young people to the activity. Studies have shown that equine-assisted activities and therapies are beneficial for people with a wide range of disabilities. "The benefits include improvements in posture, muscle tone, balance, strength, and gait patterns," said Michelle Yang, a pediatric physical therapist in the Pediatric Rehabilitation Department at HSS. Elizabeth Gerosa, a pediatric speech language pathologist who organized the trip, said riding a horse can also have speech therapy benefits. During the outing seven year-old David Santos got to brush Pearl as well as enjoy a riding session.



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Business of the Week

SugarHi Armonk

By Neal Rentz

Armonk residents Elissa Weinhoff and her twin sister Hillary Assael brought sweetness to town in a variety of forms in October 2017.

They opened SugarHi, which offers a wide variety of sweet treats including candy, baked items, ice cream and specialty milk shakes.

SugarHi is the first business the sisters have co-owned, though Assael formerly owned a cake business for 15 years, working out of her home. "She made beautiful custom cakes," Weinhoff said last week. "She had a huge following. She had people following her from Manhattan, New Jersey, Long Island and all over Westchester. So then she decided to take it to the next level. She wanted to open up a retail cake business, but we just kind of figured we can't just open up a cake store. There's other bakeries in town that do a great job. And so we decided the town doesn't have an ice cream store anymore and we don't have a sweet shop so we decided to just do the whole sweet shop."

The sisters thought about a few names

for their new business "and nothing was really exciting us that much," Weinhoff said. "We did come up with SugarHigh originally, but it was a little controversial given the word high."

A wide variety of treats to satisfy the sweet tooth are sold at SugarHi. Most of the ice cream served at the shop is from Piece of Cake, which is "a gourmet, small batch ice cream company out of New Jersey. They are amazing. They make the most fun flavors and the ice cream is absolutely delicious," Weinhoff said. Some of the Piece of Cake ice cream flavors are Cookie Monster, which is vanilla-based and colored blue in honor of the Cookie Monster with chunks of cookie dough and chocolate chip cookies, Death by Chocolate and Cappuccino Explosion, she noted.

Customers have an option of having one of the store's baked goods heated up and topped with ice cream, Weinhoff said. "One of our most popular is the Naughty Brownie," she said. "The bottom layer is a brownie with caramel and Oreo and cookie dough on top"

The store recently introduced soft serve



Armonk residents and twin sisters Hillary Assael, left, and Elissa Weinhoff have co-owned SugarHi since October 2017.

ice cream and frozen yogurt, Weinhoff said.

SugarHi offers many baked desert choices including an apple caramel cheesecake bar. "It's amazing," Weinhoff said. Other baked items include homemade Pop Tarts and homemade Ring Dings. The store also sells a variety of cakes and Cake Scraps which is "our mashed up signature cake, which is usually vanilla cookies and cream," she said. "We mash it up and put it into containers. It's a very popular item."

Assael is responsible for all the baking. "All the baked goods are made here," Weinhoff said.

The store's banana pudding recently

won a Best of Westchester award from "Westchester Magazine."

Edible cookie dough is also available. "There's no raw egg in it," Weinhoff said.

The store's Candy Wall features 96 varieties of candy, which is sold by the pound. Tubes featuring several candy choices are also available. Homemade, dipped chocolates, made with Belgian chocolate are also available.

Gift baskets made to order are sold at SugarHi.

SugarHi also offers milk shakes that feature several ingredients. For example, the cotton candy shake features not only cotton candy on top, but swirl lollipops and rainbow cookies.

Though a wide variety of sweets are available, there is a common theme at the store, Weinhoff said. "Everything is all about supersized at SugarHi," she said. "It's all about fun, kind of Willy Wonkaish. Everyone feels like a kid."

SugarHi is located at 380 Main St. in Armonk. For more information call

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Editorial

Newsprint Tariffs and Fake News Mantra a Threat to Democracy

By Adam Stone

With the cascade of scandalous national news relentlessly flooding our minds these days, it would be easy to understand having missed the headlines about the outrageous, needless and industry crushing tariffs on newsprint.

The Trump administration has imposed punishing tariffs on Canadian newsprint, triggering an enormous rise in print costs for publishers, leading to the thinning out of newspaper staffs across the country, the reduction of print schedules, and, in some cases, the ceasing of publication all together or the looming threat of the end.

Although the tariffs are theoretically in keeping with the administration's wider trade war, it's impossible to ignore the climate in which the unwarranted tariffs were imposed: one in which the president assaults the Free Press and, in spirit, our cherished and Constitutionally protected First Amendment rights each day.

That's why Examiner Media's opinion pages are joining with editorial boards across the country this week to spotlight the cynical attacks and stand together in defense of our profession and the critical role it plays in educating the public, watchdogging elected officials and, in so doing, breathing life into our democracy.

In an environment where nearly all political debates are conducted within perceived partisan constructs, it's

frustrating to know that championing a Free Press — a value as American as apple pie — is viewed in some circles as a left of center proposition. Those who maintain that position should realize that an undermining of journalism, in the long run, will impede free and independent reporting voices from across the spectrum.

Of course, this isn't to say media outlets are above reproach or without faults. To the contrary, it's absolutely vital for critics of the press to monitor journalistic content carefully and shine a bright spotlight on inaccurate reporting and shoddy journalism. But we have arrived at a place where any unflattering report gets characterized as "fake," while the president uses the Stalinist phrase "Enemy of the People" to eat away at the credibility of credible journalists. Although the sustained and frighteningly successful attacks have mostly been targeted towards national media outlets, the overall effect is an eroding of trust in all news gathering organizations, from big city TV news stations all the way down to your friendly local community newspaper.

Just last week Ipsos released a startling poll revealing that one in every four Americans say they believe "the president should have the authority to close news outlets engaged in bad behavior," including a plurality — a terrifying 43 percent — from the president's political party.

To be sure, media outlets, like all human institutions, can be deeply flawed. But to take that fact infinitely further, and falsely dismiss nearly all American journalism as literally "fake," is to propagate a lie so enormous and so consequential that it's impossible to calculate the damage it will spawn. Also, to acknowledge the media's shortcomings is not to acknowledge the growing but dangerously false notion that most professional journalists are fictional storytellers or, as the president says, "very dangerous and sick." In actuality, the overwhelming majority of American journalists are ethically minded, striving to be fair and, in a very substantial way, serving a patriotic professional mission to keep citizens informed and the government in check — after all, journalism is the only profession our forefathers knew to explicitly protect in our Constitution, enshrined in our treasured First Amendment. From the brave war photographers risking their lives on the battlefield to the reporters covering local town board meetings, journalists serve an indispensable role in American life and deserve respect.

Citizens from across the country, of all political stripes, must stand against the systematic attacks on journalism and journalists. Our democracy's ability to breath healthily depends on it.

--Adam Stone is the publisher of Examiner Media.

Guest Column

Reckless Attacks on Free Press a Danger to the Entire World

By Judy Patrick

We've been complacent.

We thought everybody knew how important a free press was to our world and that all this talk about us being the enemy of the people would be dismissed for the silliness that it is.

But the reckless attacks have continued, instigated and encouraged by our president.

When the leader of the free world works to erode the public's trust in the media, the potential for damage is enormous, both here and abroad. We once set an example of free and open government for the world to follow. Now those who seek to suppress the free flow of information are doing so with impunity.

The time has come for us to stand up to the bullying. The role journalism plays in our free society is too crucial to allow this degradation to continue.

We aren't the enemy of the people. We are the people. We aren't fake news. We are your news and we struggle night and

day to get the facts right.

On bitter cold January nights, we're the people's eyes and ears at town, village and school board meetings. We tell the stories of our communities, from the fun of a county fair to the despair a family faces when a loved one is killed.

We are always by your side. We shop the same stores, attend the same churches and hike the same trails. We struggle with daycare and worry about paying for retirement.

In our work as journalists, our first loyalty is to you. Our work is guided by a set of principles that demand objectivity, independence, open-mindedness and the pursuit of the truth. We make mistakes, we know. There's nothing we hate more than errors but we acknowledge them, correct them and learn from them.

Our work is a labor of love because we love our country and believe we are playing a vital role in our democracy. Self-governance demands that our citizens need to be well-informed and that's what we're here to do. We go beyond

the government issued press release or briefing and ask tough questions. We hold people in power accountable for their actions. Some think we're rude to question and challenge. We know it's our obligation.

People have been criticizing the press for generations. We are not perfect. But we're striving every day to be a better version of ourselves than we were the day before.

That's why we welcome criticism. But unwarranted attacks that undermine your trust in us cannot stand. The problem has become so serious that newspapers across the nation are speaking out against these attacks in one voice today on their editorial pages.

As women's rights pioneer and investigative journalist Ida B. Wells wrote in 1892: "The people must know before they can act and there is no educator to compare with the press."

--Judy Patrick is the New York Press Association's vice president for editorial development.

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Local Congressional Reps Chastise Trump Administration for Newsprint Tariffs

Area congressional representatives are joining a bipartisan chorus of critics who are chastising the Trump administration for imposing tariffs on Canadian newsprint.

Local congressman Sean Patrick Maloney is a cosponsor of a bill introduced in June by Congresswoman Kristi Noem, a South Dakota Republican. The legislation, known as the PRINT Act, would place a temporary hold on the newsprint tariffs while the Commerce Department investigates the adverse impact on the industry.

"Millions of Americans rely on their local papers for the latest news on what's happening in their corner of the world," the District 18 Democrat said. "New digital platforms are great, but they're not reporting on what's happening in your own backyard. The last thing we should be doing is taxing our local free press. This is an issue that Democrats and Republicans are both up in arms against – and we're fighting to rollback these tariffs to protect thousands of jobs and local papers."

In January, tariffs were implemented after the Commerce Department sided

with North Pacific Paper Company, a paper mill based in Washington State. The paper company had alleged that Canadian manufacturers were selling newsprint at artificially low prices. On August 2, publishers received mildly helpful news, when the department issued tariffs that were lower than industry watchers originally anticipated. The tariffs range from 3.38 percent to 20 percent but, on top of that, newsprint prices are projected to increase by about 30 percent over the next year or two, remarked Michelle K. Rea, executive director of the New York Press

Association.

Most publishers have seen the price per metric ton increase by \$200 or more over the past 10 months, Rea noted.

"The newsprint tariffs are putting enormous pressure on an already challenged industry," she said.

Local Democratic Congresswoman Nita Lowey, for her part, said "President Trump's arbitrary decision to get the United States into a trade war is hurting many aspects of the economy, and I'm deeply concerned about the impact of resulting tariffs on local newspapers."

"Current, local news is fundamental to holding elected officials accountable and to addressing the information needs of our communities, from emergencies to community events, and it plays an indispensable role in contextualizing important national issues," the District 17 Democrat added. "We simply cannot afford for local newspapers to be priced out of business because of President Trump's careless policies."

The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

Rea, the press association executive director, is continuing her efforts to lobby for ending the tariffs.

"The fight continues and we hope to convince the department to eliminate the tariffs after a hearing to be conducted later this month," Rea concluded.

Letter to the Editor

Can't Get to the Polls on Election Day, Vote by Absentee

Voting by absentee ballot is a great option for those who are unable to get to their polling sites on Election Day. Whether you are away at college, living with a disability, or traveling on Election Day, voting absentee is a good choice to make sure your vote is counted. All absentee ballots are counted in every election.

There is a two-step process to vote by absentee ballot in New York State. First, you fill out an application to get an absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots are available for

pickup at your local county Board of Elections, or by downloading a PDF application off of the Board of Elections website, or you can send a letter to your local Board of Elections requesting an application. Once you complete and mail in this application, you will receive your absentee ballot in the mail, or you can choose to pick it up in person at your local Board of Elections. You cast your vote by filling out this official ballot and mailing it or hand delivering it to your Board of Elections.

For the general election, November

5th is the last day to hand in an absentee ballot request in person, and mail requests are due October 30th. For primary elections, in-person absentee ballot requests are due September 12th, and mail requests are due September 6th.

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Social Worker Helps Immigrant Students Cope with Trauma

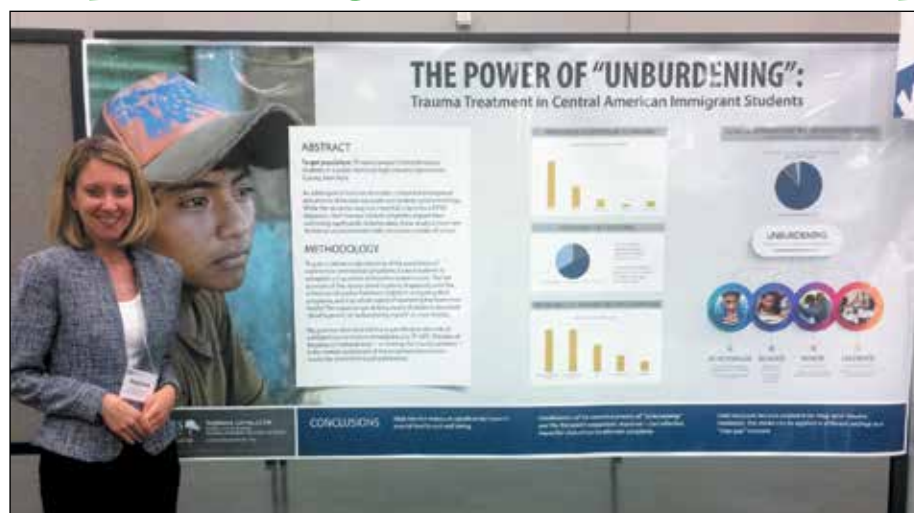
Desahogarse. It means to unburden. And it is the word most often used by Central American teens to describe the benefit of telling someone about the trauma they experienced in their homeland before coming to the United States.

Stephanie Carnes, a bilingual social worker at the Career and Technical Education Center at Putnam|Northern Westchester BOCES, presented her findings on the value of Desahogarse at the North American Refugee Health Conference in Portland, Oregon, in June.

In her work at the Tech Center, Carnes said she regularly encounters immigrant students who have experienced trauma in their country of origin. Some have witnessed murders, or encountered dead bodies in the streets or been subjected to physical or sexual abuse.

"These are everyday happenings in countries like El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, so the students think that there is something wrong with them when they cannot erase these memories from their minds," she said.

In an ideal world, these students would have access to intensive psychological counseling to help them overcome the trauma they have experienced. But more often, they not only cannot afford therapy, they do not even have the



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support of a parent or other caring adult because many have come to the United States on their own.

For her part, Carnes encourages the students to speak to her about what they have gone through and how they are feeling. To her surprise, simply talking about the events appears to help students recover from trauma.

When she asked students to describe what was helpful about talking to her, they all said the same thing: desahogarse,

or the unburdening. Telling someone about traumatic events, even in a short-term counseling setting, has several effects.

First, it de-normalizes the event. Students come to realize that what they have experienced or witnessed is not normal. Children should not have to see what you saw.

Second, it educates the student about the effects of trauma. Third, it serves to honor the suffering they have

experienced just by saying something like, "What an incredibly painful experience that must have been." Finally, unburdening allows the student to celebrate his or her strength.

Carnes gathered data on 70 newly arrived Central American students, with an eye toward developing a clinical approach that could be used in different settings as a "stop-gap" measure until resources become available for long-term trauma treatment.

The students, all of whom came from El Salvador, Honduras or Guatemala, were surveyed about their exposure to traumatic events and the symptoms they were currently experiencing such as depression, recurrent memories, insomnia and nightmares.

Out of the 65 students who responded to the survey, 93 percent had exposure to at least one traumatic event. Sixty-three percent had been exposed to two or more traumatic events. Of the 38 students who had met with a social worker, all but two said it was helpful with their symptoms.

In the new school year, Carnes said she hopes to fine-tune the approach to help even more students, always being mindful not to push students to disclose anything they do not wish to discuss. "It is a 100 percent client-driven process. That's a basic tenet of trauma-informed care," Carnes said.



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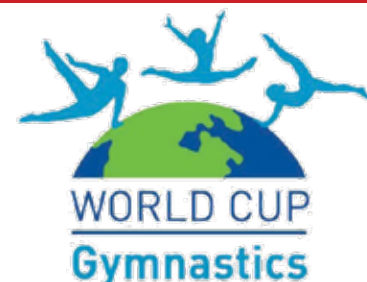
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How Ready is Your Child for the New School Year?

Backpack and supplies -- check! So, what's left to do before going back to school? How about finding out how well your child has learned foundational skills that they need to succeed in the next grade?

Ninety percent of K-8 parents believe their child performs at or above grade-level in reading and math, according to Learning Heroes' research. However, the National Assessment of Educational Progress finds that only a little more than a third of students are achieving at that level. What's more, the "summer slide" puts students at risk of losing up to two months of reading skills and two and a half months of math skills over a single summer.

To get a better feel for how prepared your child is for the next grade and how to support their learning at home, check out these tips from Learning Heroes' "Super 5 Back-to-School Power Moves."

1. Get a gut check: Use the Readiness Check to see how prepared your child is for their new grade. Designed by leading experts in reading and math, the Readiness Check instantly provides important information about your child's grade-level progress with reading and math skills after your child answers just three to five questions in each of the two subject areas. The free tool, which is available in both English and Spanish, also connects you to information, videos and activities to

help build grade-level skills at home. To access this tool and other resources, visit bealearninghero.org. Other ways to assess how ready your child is for the new grade include paying attention to how easy or hard it is for them to do grade-level tasks and looking at their annual state test results from last year. If you haven't received the results yet, ask your child's teacher.

2. Partner up: At your first teacher meeting, bring your child's state test results and ask what they mean for this year. Find out what's expected of your child and how you can provide support at home. Help the teacher get to know your child by sharing their interests and strengths as well. You can also share what you learned from the Readiness Check.

3. Make learning fun: You are the expert on your child and can make learning exciting. Read together, choosing topics that interest your child. Find math in everyday life and turn it into a game. These small learning moments add up to a lot.

4. Celebrate effort: Help your child see that hard work is what leads to success. Focus on effort and what your child is learning. This will help your child feel less nervous about new tasks or subjects.

5. Support life skills: Strengths such as communication, problem solving, and confidence will help your child in school



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Work with your child to find out if they have learned the foundational skills necessary to succeed in the next grade.

and life. Talk openly with your child about how they feel and handle situations, especially tough ones.

"Learning happens everywhere -- at home, in the community and in the classroom," says Bibb Hubbard, founder and president of Learning Heroes. "The

Super 5 Back-to-School Power Moves can help you use the summer and beginning of the school year to get a more complete picture of where your child is on track, and where more attention and focus may be needed."

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The Eagles of Penn Station: Not Gone, Nor Forgotten

By Brian Kluepfel

The original building above New York's Pennsylvania Station was an architectural wonder, inspired by the ancient buildings of Rome and Greece. Gothamites passed through in awe when the station opened its doors in 1910. Among its splendors were 22 eagles carved from granite, which perched atop the first station edifice until it was demolished in 1963 (replaced by, of course, Madison Square Garden).

The building was bulldozed and smacked down; however, the eagles, representing some Roman idyll of superiority and majesty, were carefully lowered from their aeries and conserved. But where, oh where, are these symbols of our nation?

All over the place, it turns out. Various websites are dedicated to the "lost" eagles of Penn Station. But it doesn't take much sleuthing to find quite a few of them. Two are at Penn Station, still. One guards an LIRR station. Four stand sentinel on Philadelphia's

Market Street Bridge. Another is at the Smithsonian. While a pair guard the next graduating class of Cooper Union. While Penn Station could not escape the wrecking ball, some had the wisdom to protect these beautiful carvings, and so they exist today.

New Yorkers, mostly, were outraged by the destruction of such a landmark as Penn Station, and passed the Landmarks Preservation Law to prevent further architectural malaise. This legislation saved structures like Penn Station's near-twin, Grand Central Terminal.

What do Penn Station's eagles have to do with birders? Well, this year marks the 100th anniversary

of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The MBTA prevents the capture, kill, or sale of any migratory bird, hundreds of thousands of which

journey from Central and South America to nest here in New York and other points north. Colorful songbirds of every stripe, a marvel to behold.

When the MBTA was passed,

North Americans had already wiped out the Passenger Pigeon and the Carolina Parakeet, the only parrot that lived in the United States. The nascent Audubon Society was gathering strength as it lobbied against the taking of herons and egrets for ornamental usage as hat plumes and such. Awareness was growing.

In the 1960s, we nearly lost our national symbol, the Bald Eagle, because of the widespread use of DDT, an insecticide that when spread through the food chain weakened the eagles' eggs to the point of breaking. Although its harmful effects were known in the 1940s, and its damaging legacy made clearer in Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, it was not until 1972 it was banned in the U.S. and many other countries. This legislation, and the Endangered Species Act, saved not only the eagle, but possibly the California Condor and Peregrine Falcon as well.



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We face a political climate that is hostile to environmental protection now; the recently-resigned Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt was embroiled in a lot of scandalous activity, but the most disturbing to me was his attempt at dismantling legislation

designed to protect wildlife—and people. The current congress, too, threatens to weaken the MBTA and other laws, which are in place to protect our wild places, as well as our health.

We must remain vigilant in protecting our birds, as well as ourselves. Hey folks, this is the only planet we've got. I know we need some of its resources to live our lives; I am not naïve in that matter. But we have to proceed wisely, otherwise we might end up like one of the marble eagles from Penn Station—the one that got dumped in the Newark, New Jersey Transit Rail yard.

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Homes that Best Lend themselves to “Staycations”

The first time I heard the word “staycation,” I immediately identified with it, especially from the time I built a luxury pool and entertainment patio at my home. Whenever my wife and I would jump into the pool, which represented the most expensive upgrade to our property over a 40-year period, we’d say to each other, “worth every penny!” Not ones to like the stress of travel, my wife and I spent most of our summer vacation times at our own home, lolling about the pool, cooking on the outdoor grill and enjoying the woods on our property.

To this day, when we now live in a luxury condo with the Trump name attached, I feel that we are constantly on a staycation, considering all of the amenities it offers. These include an indoor and outdoor pool, a well-equipped gym, walking paths and a running track. I can’t say that I take advantage of these amenities as I should, especially the gym, but just knowing that they are there allows me the illusion of being on vacation every day. And what really drives that illusion home is the fact that I don’t have to worry about the roof leaking or mowing



By Bill Primavera

the lawn.

Some homes lend themselves better to staycations than others. I was reminded of this just this week when Cindy Haas, a colleague of mine at William Raveis Real Estate, used the term “staycation house” on one of her current listings, which is at 290 Barrett Hill Road in Mahopac. I couldn’t resist calling her to ask what “staycation” meant to her and she responded, “Simply a place you don’t want to leave.”

She elaborated on other “vacation-ish” features offered by the house: “It has privacy, which is very important, being carved into a hill and contiguous to a conservation property. The house is surrounded by a huge deck and a pool with a waterfall. The pool cabana features both a wet and dry sauna and an entertainment center, complete with a kitchen, a fireplace that is open on both sides and a huge fire pit. “I call the property ‘rustic luxury,’” Cindy added.

The illusion of a vacation is enhanced with well-landscaped grounds that abut the conservation land.

According to my research, staycations achieved popularity in the U.S. during



Pool at the “staycation” home on Barrett Hill Road in Mahopac.

the financial crisis of 2007 to 2010.

The word became widely used in the United States during May 2008 as the summer travel season began with gas prices reaching record highs, leading many people to cut back on expenses including travel. The term was even added to the 2009 version of the Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary.

Those lucky enough to have staycation equipped homes avoid the stress associated with travel - jet lag, packing, long drives, or waits at airports.

Anyone interested in this particular staycation house in Mahopac may call the listing agent Cindy Haas of William Raveis Real estate at 914-646-1569. For real estate service from Bill Primavera, The Home Guru, also at William Raveis, call 914-522-2076.

Bill Primavera, while a publicist and journalist, is also a Realtor® associated with William Raveis Real Estate and Founder of Primavera Public Relations, Inc. (www.PrimaveraPR.com). To engage the services of The Home Guru to market your home for sale, call (914)522-2076.

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Tuesday, Aug. 14

Jazz at Horan's Landing Park: Mark Morganelli & Jazz Forum Brazil Project. Trumpeter/flugelhornist Mark Morganelli has just recorded his fifth CD as leader of an all-Brazilian affair featuring some of the most beautiful compositions in Brazilian music, played in collaboration with some of the top Brazilian artists in New York. He toured Italy earlier this year and continues to perform every Wednesday at the Castle Hotel & Spa in Tarrytown. Horan's Landing Park, 9 River St., Sleepy Hollow. 6:30 p.m. Free. Also Aug. 28. In case of rain, the concert is canceled on Facebook. Presented by NewYork-Presbyterian. Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

Author Talk and Discussion. Mary Hogan, author of "Left: A Love Story," will discuss her book. It is the story of a woman who retreats into a fantasy world on New York City's Upper West Side as she slowly loses her once whip-smart husband to dementia. Poignant and beautifully crafted, it is an unforgettable tale about life's aching uncertainties and a woman who discovers that somewhere between hope and reality, an unexpected future will find its way forward. Joining Hogan will be Jody Addeo, who will discuss "The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease," followed by knowing the 10 warning signs, early detection and tips from the latest research. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 15

Emergency Blood Drive. As a result of a statewide blood emergency declared on June 11, the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department and the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps will be hosting this summer blood drive. Donors from all towns are welcome. Walk-ins welcome; advance registration requested. Pleasantville Firehouse, 75 Washington Ave., Pleasantville. 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. For questions regarding eligibility (travel, medications, last donation, etc.): 800-688-0900. Advance registration: 800-933-2566 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood.

Mount Kisco Arts Council Summer Outdoor Concert Series: Libertine Project. Come listen to this funky, rootsy, rock and blues band. Fountain Park, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m. Free. Concerts continue on Wednesdays through Sept. 19. Info: Visit www.mountkiscoartscouncil.org.

Summer With Shakespeare 2018: "Hamlet." A screening of this 1969 film starring Nicol Williamson and Anthony Hopkins. Chappaqua Public Library,

195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

Art Series: Max Beerbohm. Born in 1872 and known as the English Goya, this artist, essayist and caricaturist was one of the great figures of the late Victorian and Edwardian era in London, and later, the United States. A jack-of-all-trades, Max, as he signed his work, was a drama critic and radio personality as well as an accomplished caricaturist. He began drawing his impressions at 20 years old and was known for strong, simple lines in his work. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or www.northcastlelibrary.org.

Thursday, Aug. 16

Armonk Chamber of Commerce's Third Thursdays. For the final Third Thursday of the year, Westchester Circus Arts will return with their spectacular, sky-high aerial performances throughout the evening, plus high-wire acts, jugglers and more and there will be hand-on activities. Local businesses will be offering face painting and refreshments as well as children's activities in Armonk Square. Downtown restaurants and eateries will be in on the festivities, offering specials throughout the evening. Main Street, Armonk. 5 to 8:30 p.m. Car parade at 6 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.armonkchamberofcommerce.com.

Sunset Jazz at Lyndhurst Concert Series: Marianne Solivan Quartet. Solivan has made a name for herself as a hard swinging, passionate, vocalist who has a commanding stage presence and is able to captivate audiences with her joyous exuberance and wit. She has played in many groups internationally and is one of just a few women leading her own big band. In case of rain, canceled on Facebook by 3 p.m. Presented by NewYork-Presbyterian. Lyndhurst, 635 S. Broadway, Tarrytown. 6:30 p.m. Free. Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

"He Got Game." Released 20 years ago, this film stars Denzel Washington as a prison inmate given temporary release so he can try to persuade his son, a high school basketball sensation (played by former NBA star Ray Allen), to play for the governor's alma mater. With powerful performances and a soundtrack featuring both Public Enemy and Aaron Copland, this masterful sports film/family drama has stood the test of time. Part of REMIX: The Black Experience in Film, Media and Art series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. Members: \$9. Non-members: \$14. Info and tickets: Visit www.burnsfilmcenter.org.

Town of Mount Pleasant Concerts in the Park: The Ricky Blues Band. A Westchester-based cover band that plays all kinds of rock, from the 1970s through today! Carroll Park, 202 Kensico Rd., Thornwood. 7 p.m. Free.

Friday, Aug. 17

Jazz at Pierson Park: Michael Sarian & The Chabones. Sarian is a trumpeter and composer whose work has been heard throughout the United States, South America and Europe. He has released two albums as a bandleader with his septet, Michael Sarian & The Chabones and is releasing their third album, "LEÓN," this month on ZOHO Music. Pierson Park, West Main Street at the Hudson River, Tarrytown. 6:30 p.m. Free. In case of rain, concert is canceled on Facebook by 3 p.m. Presented by NewYork-Presbyterian. Info: Visit www.jazzforumarts.org.

Lucy's Laugh Lounge Comedy Night. James Crowley presents a huge night of standup comedy. KC Arora is back headlining! He's appeared on FOX's Laughs, FOX's Punchline and the popular Optimum Unmover's commercials. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Info and advance tickets: Visit www.lucyslaughs.com. Type in the promo code Examiner at the prompt when buying tickets online.

Kansas in Concert. The group will be performing a set of radio classics, including "Dust in the Wind" and "Carry on My Wayward Son." Fans will hear songs they have heard since 1974 on the radio and on the old "Don Kirshner's Rock Concert." With more top 100 hits in the set than ever before, Kansas fans will also hear some classic B-sides, fan favorites and material of the band's latest studio album "The Prelude Implicit." Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$59, \$69, \$89 and \$105. Info and tickets: Visit www.tarrytownmusichall.org.

Saturday, Aug. 18

Pleasantville Farmers Market. Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" from 2014 to 2018. With 56 vendors and seven nearby parking lots, it's a delicious good time. This week, there's arts and crafts with Amy Salib from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and the music series features blues guitar and harmonica duo the Barebones from 10 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine. The market is a dog-free environment. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 17. Info: Visit www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org.

Chappaqua Farmers Market.

Locally raised and produced food to the community creating a connection between shoppers and small-scale food producers in the region. Chappaqua train station, Chappaqua. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Saturday. Info: Visit www.chappaquafarmersmarket.org.

The Animation of Ray Harryhausen: "Jason and the Argonauts." The final Saturday featuring giant crabs, prehistoric beasts, an oversized octopus and battling skeletons. Led by film historian and librarian Philip Harwood. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 2 p.m. Free. Info: 914-238-4779 or www.chappaqualibrary.org.

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Sunday, Aug. 19

Open Wide. Slither on over and join a naturalist to learn all about snakes and lizards during a lively hands-on (if you dare) presentation that is sure to engage and enlighten all ages. Stick around until the end and check out snack time for the snakes. Fun for the whole family. Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Rd., Scarsdale. 1 to 2 p.m. Members: \$5. Non-members: \$8. Info: 914-723-3470 or visit www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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A Suggestion Based on Decades of Personal Experience



By Nick Antonaccio

Friday Night at the Movies.

Over the years my wife and family have always set aside Friday night as the one element in our lives that was consistent from week to week. It was the night to sit back, de-stress and enjoy time together with no distractions.

And we have a theme.

What could be more relaxing than comfort food – our choice is pizza – paired with wine and a movie.

But it can be a challenge to pair pizza, wine and a movie. Learn from our stumbles: 1) Blood and gore on the screen do not pair well with pizza and wine – no Quentin Tarantino movies, especially Kill Bill; 2) No foreign movies with subtitles; it's much too sloppy trying to read and eat at the same time.

We've now reached consensus in our choices. The pizza topping is a constant, the wine is always Italian red and the movie – well, two out of three ain't bad.

Here are my suggestions for the wine component. Since most pizzas have tomatoes as a base ingredient, red wines generally pair better than whites. And since pizza is an Italian fast food, I like to

'Pairing pizza, wine and a movie'

consider Italian reds before others. There are several that I prefer, each of which complement the acidity of the tomatoes and balance the fat content of the cheese in a basic Neapolitan pizza.

My guidelines for good matches are wines that are not heavily oaked and have a bit of acidity and a bit of fruit. No high alcohol levels that will bring on sleep at the pivotal moment of your movie. Here are three wines that fit this profile:

1) Since our youth my wife and I have had an affinity for Chianti with our pizza. The mild flavor and medium body pair well with Neapolitan "pizza pie." Chianti has undergone a renaissance in style over the last ten years. The wines are much more finessed and even more food friendly than in the past, while retaining their balance of acid and fruit. The tannins are softer, almost velvety, and the alcohol is manageable.

2) We've also gravitated to the wines of the Piedmont region – particularly Barbera from the Alba and Asti sub regions. They are produced to be drunk young. They are not oaked and have mild

aromas of earthiness and black cherries. Most importantly, they lack strong tannins and have the bright acidity that pairs well with pizza. They have become increasingly popular in wine shops across the Examiner's readership area and reasonably priced, several under \$20.

3) Valpolicella from the Veneto region is another favorite. These wines are a bit more lively and well balanced between acidity and fruit than the Tuscan and Piedmont wines. Try the Classico and Classico Superiore designated wines, which are young with moderate alcohol. The Ripasso style is more fruit forward. The dried cherry flavor and earthiness of these wines bring the tomato, basil and cheese flavors to the forefront of the palate.

As I mentioned at the outset, our pizza has been our one constant. I won't attempt to persuade you to try our favorite. Pizza is a very individual choice, whether you prefer traditional, thick or thin crust; medium cooked crust or darker, well-done crust; brick, wood-fired or coal-

fired oven.

Similarly, toppings are an individual preference. A simple Margarita pizza is the epitome of the Roman style in Naples. The more exotic toppings are American-based. I still haven't succumbed to ham and pineapple pizza, but I have enjoyed caramelized onions and crumbled blue cheese pizza.

Our go-to pizza. Wood-fired with slightly burned edges, topped with crumbled sausage and broccoli rabe. I sprinkle a few red pepper flakes on my slice for an added punch.

The movie. Totally subjective. E-mail me your favorite movie to watch with pizza and wine. I'll select my favorite entry and reward the winner with a cash gift certificate.

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



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Through the
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environmentally friendly, the Town Board is moving to eliminate the stacks of paper it reads and reviews at its meetings.

Fulgenzi said the meeting agendas and backup materials such as memos will eventually no longer be put on paper, but will instead the board members will eventually read from their tablet computers. Board members will have the option to use the tablets starting with their Aug. 14 meeting, though board members will still be able to read from papers if they desire.

Amanda Jasilli, Fulgenzi's confidential

secretary, is spearheading the effort to reduce the use of paper. She has been training the Town Board and department heads on how to communicate more by using technology rather than paper. Jasilli has been training department heads to provide purchase order information on line rather than on paper.

Jasilli said by using the NovusAngenda system the town would save money, though she did not have an exact figure, by eventually having paperless Town Board meetings. "It definitely reduces paperwork," she said.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PRINCE CONSULTING, LLC. Articles of Organi-

zation filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 02, 2018. Office in Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: **Prince Consulting LLC, 184 Willowbrook Ave., Stamford, CT 06922. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PREFERRED CHOICE HOME INSPECTIONS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the SSNY on 6/29/18. Office location is Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to **PREFERRED CHOICE HOME INSPECTIONS LLC 117A E Main Street Suite 378 New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: **EBONI FANDANGLES LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/01/2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: **2 Fisher Drive, Suite 421, Mount Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.**

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF I AM MY SISTER (WOMEN HELPING WOMEN) LLC, Filed with SSNY on June 29, 2018. Office: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process against the LLC: **I Am My Sister (Women helping Women) POB 2593, Peekskill, NY 10566.** Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DS EQUITY CONSULTING, LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. filed with SSNY on 06/29/2018. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY shall mail process to **DS Equity Consulting, LLC 1064 Saw Mill River Rd, Yonkers, NY 10710.** Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE DESIGNER REALTY GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/1/16. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER INDEX # 12377/09 FILED: 6/1/2018 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP, 4828 Loop Central Drive, Houston, TX 77081, Plaintiff(s), against JANET SMITH, AMY SALERNO, KATHERINE SALERNO, BRIAN SALERNO, MARTIN SALERNO, RUSSELL SALERNO, LR CREDIT 11 LLC, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK FSB, SUZANNE SALERNO, 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.), Defendant(s). **TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO**

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 66042/2017 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs Any Unknown Heirs To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff; Any Unknown Heirs Of Virginia P. Johnson A/K/A Virginia Parrish Johnson As Heir To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David, Anthony Brogdon As Heir To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David, Melvin Walker As Heir To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David, Pamela Brooks As Heir To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish

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Premises: 430 Seneca Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 SBL #: 169.32 - 4046 - 21 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Any Unknown Heirs To The Estate Of David Parrish A/K/A David E. Parrish A/K/A Arrish David; Any Unknown Heirs of Virginia P. Johnson a/k/a Virginia Parrish Johnson, Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Helen M. Blackwood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twentieth day of July, 2018 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated June 1, 2006, executed by David Parrish AKA David E. Parrish, AKA Arrish David (who died on January 31, 2017, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of

New York) to secure the sum of \$307,301.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 462070039 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on August 4, 2006. Said Mortgage was subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement executed by David Parrish AKA David E. Parrish, AKA Arrish David on November 16, 2011 and recorded May 16, 2012 in Instrument Number 520463512 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk; The property in question is described as follows: **430 SENECA AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: July 25, 2018 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.**

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Breanna Stewart, a leading candidate for the WNBA's MVP award this season, drives through the lane for two of her game-high 32 points in Seattle's 96-80 win over the Liberty.



WNBA stars Breanna Stewart of the Seattle Storm (left) and Tina Charles of the New York Liberty set their sights on a rebound in last week's game at the Garden.



New York Liberty guard Brittany Boyd sends up a short jumper in last Wednesday night's game against Los Angeles at the Westchester County Center.



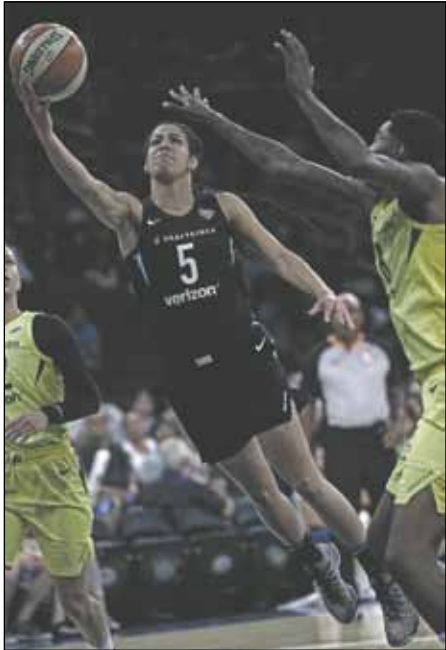
Seattle rookie Jordin Canada drives past Bria Hartley of the Liberty in last Monday's game, won by the visiting Storm.

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Kia Nurse of the New York Liberty rises in the lane for a shot during the first half of last Monday's game against Seattle.



Sami Whitcomb of the Seattle Storm shoots a baseline jumper over Bria Hartley of the Liberty.



New York's Bria Hartley pushes the ball up the court in last Monday's 96-80 loss to the Seattle Storm at the Garden.



Jewell Loyd of the Seattle Storm shoots a jump shot from the left corner in last Monday's matinee at Madison Square Garden.



Star forward Tina Charles of the New York Liberty shoots the ball against the Seattle Storm.



New York Liberty 6-foot-5 center Amanda Zahui B hauls in a rebound against the Seattle Storm.



Brittany Boyd of the Liberty leads a fast break in the first half of Monday's game vs. Seattle at Madison Square Garden.

Liberty Searching for Positives in a Losing Season

By Danny Lopriore

Katie Smith took over as New York Liberty head coach this spring and has suffered along with her players to find wins and bright spots in a season of tough losses.

The Liberty lost their eighth straight game last Wednesday evening in front of a supportive home crowd at the Westchester County Center. The heartbreaking 82-81 loss to the playoff-bound Los Angeles Sparks (18-11) left the team at 7-23 and looking for positives with only five games left in a season that will not include postseason playoffs for the first time in four years.

New York guard Sugar Rodgers hit two acrobatic 3-pointers in the game's final 10 seconds with the Liberty trailing, but her late heroics weren't quite enough to overcome the Sparks' lead down the stretch.

"We have had problems finishing games, but I saw a lot of good things tonight with how we stayed focused through the game," said Smith, who was an assistant coach with the Liberty for four playoff seasons before taking the head job this year. "There were some little things to close the game I could have done a little better but, overall, we locked into the game plan and played really, really hard."

The Liberty led 66-61 after three



Liberty guard Marissa Coleman searches for an open teammate under the basket as Los Angeles forward Nneka Ogwumike defends during last week's WNBA game.



Liberty star forward Tina Charles sends up a jump hook over the Los Angeles defense in the second half of last week's game at the County Center.

quarters and looked poised to snap their losing streak before the Sparks took over and ran off a 21-15 fourth-quarter advantage to steal the win.

Liberty star forward Tina Charles led all scorers with 27 points, working hard inside and tossing in several short



New York Liberty guard Bria Hartley tosses up a shot in the lane in the fourth quarter of last Wednesday night's game at the Westchester County Center.

wearing pink. WNBA President Lisa Borders, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and New York Knicks guard Tim Hardaway Jr. were at courtside to help support the event.

Charles reflected on the evening and its importance.

"It is special and personal to me," she said. "My grandmother had breast cancer. I lost a good friend to breast cancer in April. It is great that the WNBA highlights such an amazing campaign."

Rebecca Allen and Amanda Zahui B both gave strong efforts for New York, which finishes its season with four games on the road. They scored 13 points apiece, with the 6-foot-5 center Zahui B grabbing nine rebounds and playing strong defense.

"Amanda came into the season with her head on straight and a great attitude," Smith said of Zahui B. "She has played with confidence, and getting a scoring, offensive big is a plus. Amanda has improved on defense and we played well as a team. We're trying to get some wins as we finish the season."

Liberty rookie Kia Nurse fires a jump shot in last week's one-point loss to the visiting Los Angeles Sparks.

hook shots to help open a five-point lead with five minutes to play. Charles, a veteran team leader and WNBA All-Star and league MVP in 2012, talked about finishing the season on a high note after recent late-game losses.

"The effort we have been playing with is what we need to bring all the time," Charles said. "We do need to get better at closing out games though. Down the stretch, we seem to fall apart a little bit and that's how we end up losing. It's a mental thing. We must make sure the ball is going to the right people at the right times. We must call out plays, defend as a team, rebound the ball, and just bear down. We have to finish strong."

The Liberty celebrated "Breast Health Awareness" night, with the players each

New York Liberty guard Sugar Rodgers connects on the first of her two 3-pointers in the final seconds of last Wednesday's game against the Los Angeles Sparks.



Liberty center Amanda Zahui B (right) battles for rebound position with Maria Vadeeva of the Los Angeles Sparks in the third quarter of last Wednesday's game.



New York's Bria Hartley tries to drive past Candace Parker of the Los Angeles Sparks in last Wednesday's WNBA game at the Westchester County Center.

ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS

A Legendary Guard Returns to Her New York Roots

Former New York City prep star and University of Connecticut hoop legend Sue Bird brought her elite basketball skills back home to Madison Square Garden last Monday to lead the WNBA's Seattle Storm to a come-from-behind victory over the host New York Liberty.

If you have never seen Bird in action or haven't taken the time to watch WNBA basketball in person at either the Westchester County Center in White Plains or at the Garden, the two homes of the Liberty, seeing Bird play the game should draw your attention.

Bird, who just became the WNBA's leader in games played with her 500th career game in July, scored 10 points and handed out seven assists to help Seattle (22-7) to its fourth straight win, a 96-80 victory over the now 7-22 Liberty.

The dynamic veteran is no stranger to winning. She and the UConn Huskies were 32-3 in her junior season and then went undefeated at 39-0 in her 2002 senior season to win the NCAA title. In that season, she won the Wade Trophy and Naismith Award as College Player of the Year.

Her court leadership lifted the Storm to a fourth-quarter run past the Liberty after trailing by a point going into the final 10 minutes. After the Liberty had managed to trade baskets with Seattle for much of the game, Seattle used a 22-2 blitz to seal the victory.

"They played much better and maybe the atmosphere in the Garden got them going," Bird said of the way New York played in front of a fired-up matinee crowd of more than 12,000 that included thousands of kid campers. "The Garden

is always a thrilling place. Maybe if they played here more. They have a lot of talent, but it seems like they never got going this year."

Bird, 37, was the league's overall No. 1 draft pick in 2002 and helped the Storm to WNBA titles in 2004 and 2010. She has been the catalyst for a Seattle team that floundered last season but is contending for a title again under new head coach Dan Hughes, who came out of retirement in 2017 after coaching the league's San Antonio team for 11 years. Hughes took over a Storm team that was just 15-19 last year and says Bird is as unique a player as he has ever seen.

"Sue is unlike any player I've coached or watched because she has the ability to see things on the court no one sees," Hughes said after the victory over the Liberty. "She sees both the offense and defense on each play and can evaluate in a second where the ball should go. That means if a teammate is in the right place, she will get the ball there on time. It is really amazing."

Bird has had considerable help from fellow University of Connecticut star Breanna Stewart, an upstate New Yorker likely to be voted the league's MVP this season. Stewart scored 10 of her 32 points in the final 5:05 of the victory over the Liberty and gives Bird a tall target on the court.

"This has been a good season for us because we have started to play well in all aspects," Bird said. "We want to finish



Seattle guard Sue Bird dribbles across midcourt, flanked by forward Breanna Stewart, during last Monday's game at Madison Square Garden. The two stars have led the Storm to the best record in the WNBA this season.

strong and make sure we stay consistent. All I want to do is win."

Hughes, who said he inherited a potential champion in the Storm, is happy to have another coach on the floor in Bird, who moved on from stardom at Christ the King High School in Queens to a legendary career at UConn before eventually becoming a four-time Olympic Gold Medalist and the WNBA's all-time assist leader.

"If you watch her move, she always has the whole floor in her view," Hughes said. "Her teammates trust her and that is the key to any success. It means they trust each other too. I think we can improve our defense and do well in the postseason. Sue Bird gives us an extra lift."

-Danny Lopriore



Seattle's Sue Bird delivers a pass to a teammate in the second half of last Monday's win over the New York Liberty.



ANDY JACOBS PHOTOS

At 37 and in her 16th season in the WNBA, Sue Bird of the Seattle Storm is now the league's all-time leader in assists and games played.



Sue Bird drives around New York's Tina Charles in last week's game at Madison Square Garden.

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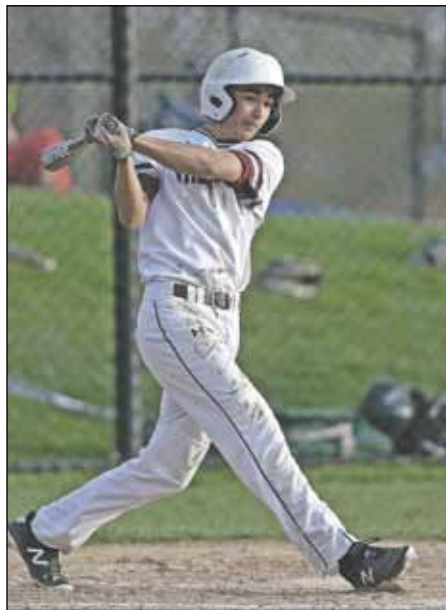
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Nick Satriale of Pleasantville hits the ball toward right field in a game at Valhalla.



Valhalla's Brad Sasso pulls a pitch down the line in right field.



Pleasantville's Nick Salzarulo runs to third base in the Section One championship game.



Briarcliff's Noah Campo runs toward second base in the Bears' road game vs. Pleasantville at Parkway Field.



Andrew Hildenbrand of Greeley gets set to swing the bat early in the season.

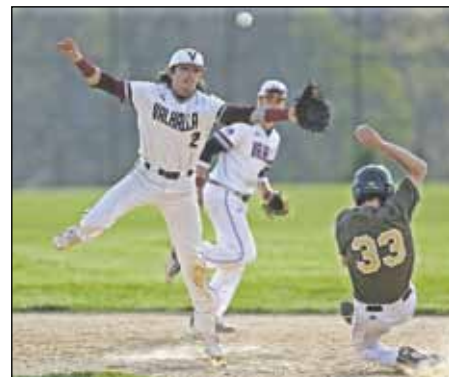


Byram Hills' Gianluca Nelson runs the bases in the Section One championship game vs. Lakeland.

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A Look Back



Valhalla shortstop Justin Renauto reaches for a wide throw at second base in the Vikings' home win over Pleasantville



Star pitcher Brandon Neeck of Greeley fires a pitch to the plate during a Quaker home game back in April.



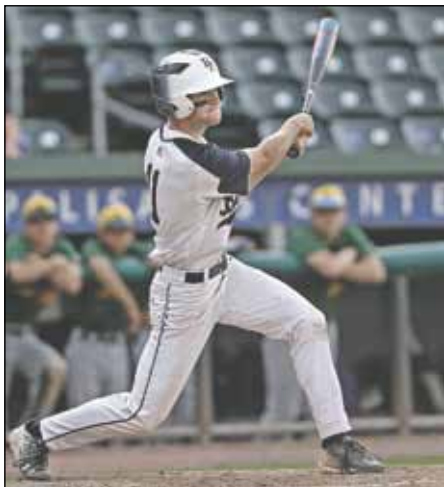
Fox Lane second baseman Justin Reeves puts the tag on Greeley's Alek Kevorkian as shortstop Marvin Pineda looks on.



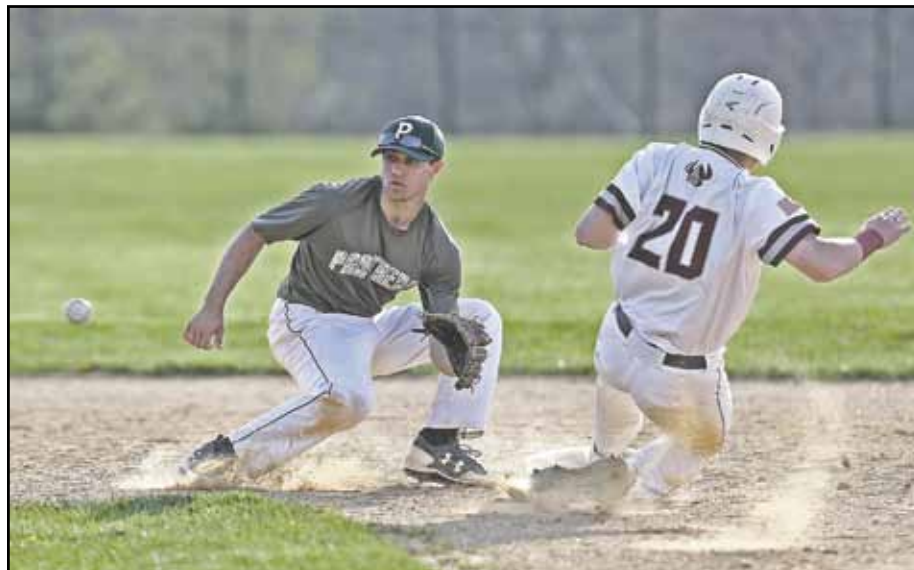
Westlake southpaw Tommy Iazzetta pitches the Wildcats to a victory against the Pawling Tigers.



Fox Lane infielder Thomas O'Sullivan throws to first base trying to complete a double play against the host John Jay Indians.



Jackson Pinsky of Byram Hills hits the ball to the opposite field in the Class A sectional final at Palisades Credit Union Park.



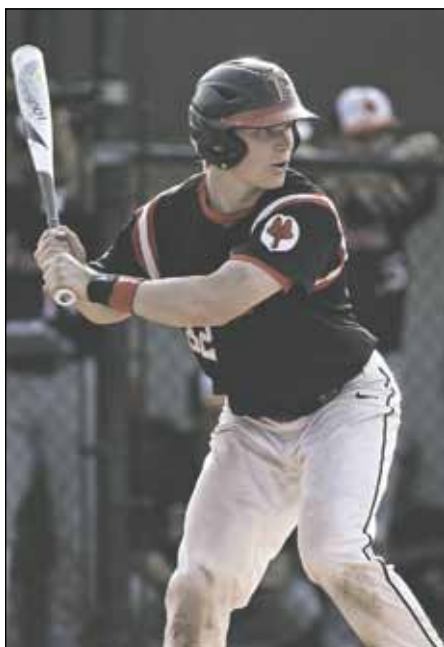
Pleasantville shortstop Danny Melillo fields a late throw to second as Valhalla's Bryan Goodman slides in safely.



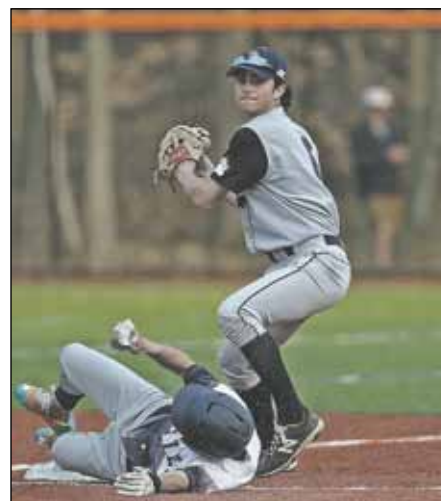
Briarcliff shortstop Jack Ryan pursues a pop fly during the Bears' annual Booster Club Tournament.



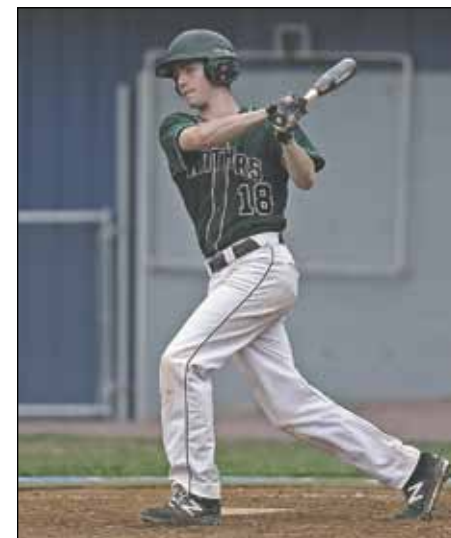
Horace Greeley shortstop Greg Murray tracks a pop-up in the Quakers' postseason game at Mahopac.



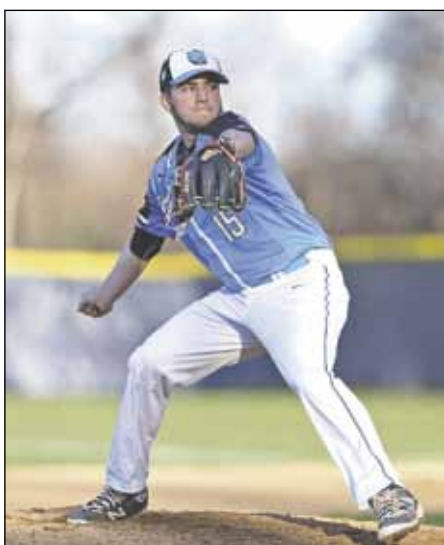
Fox Lane standout Henry Davis awaits a pitch as he bats in a home game against Greeley.



Briarcliff second baseman Joe Scanga tries to turn a double play in the title game of the Booster Club Tournament.



Brendan O'Neill's hitting and pitching helped Pleasantville win the Class B sectional title.



Westlake's Stephen Donato fires a pitch to the plate during a Wildcat midseason home game.



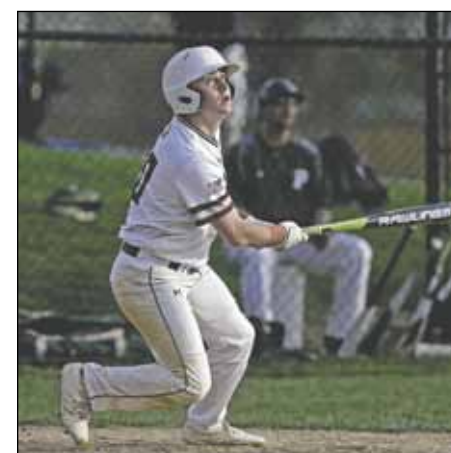
Carson Frye of Byram Hills delivers a pitch in his no-hitter against visiting Rye.



Antonio Chousa of Fox Lane races to third base in the Foxes' midseason game at John Jay in Cross River.



Vincent Spaziante of Westlake hits a long fly ball in the Wildcats' win over Pawling at Dutchess Stadium.



Bryan Goodman of Valhalla belts the game-winning double in the Vikings' walk-off victory over Pleasantville.



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