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## New Castle Leaf Blower Regulation on Hold, Again

By Abby Luby

The town of New Castle is at an impasse and seems unable to form a consensus about a new leaf blower ordinance. At last week's Town Board Work Session, board members were still uneasy about many items being considered for the proposed law.

The board had qualms about much of the Sustainability Advisory Board's latest draft submitted to the town on July 15. Apparently SAB members were unable to attend the work session to discuss the revised law, prompting the town to postpone the next scheduled public hearing on August 13 and to wait until they had a solid regulation to present to the public.

The latest proposed ordinance would prohibit the use of any fuel-powered leaf blower from May 15 to Sept. 15, but would

permit blower use from Sept. 16 to May 14 of each year. Leaf blowing could happen Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to sundown; Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays, 9 a.m. to sundown.

This part of the ordinance would not apply to the use of motorized leaf blowers on lots 10 acres or more and the noise level cannot exceed 70 dBA (decibels level). The law is set to take effect June 1, 2020.

In the SAB's proposed law, exemptions would apply to town and school recreation fields, golf, swim or tennis clubs or facilities owned by homeowners' associations.

At the work session Deputy Town Supervisor Lisa Katz said, "to exempt anything over 10 acres, to me, is really putting the burden on residents who have small lots. If somebody is fortunate enough to own 10 acres or more, I hate to exempt them and not anybody else."

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## Northern Westchester Hospital Earns Emergency Dept. Award

The Emergency Department at Northern Westchester Hospital has been selected as a recipient of the Emergency Nurses Association's 2019 Lantern Award for demonstrating exceptional and innovative performance in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research. It was among 28 ER departments in the United States and the first hospital in New York to receive the annual award. Pictured are members of the Lantern Award-winning Emergency Department at Northern Westchester Hospital.

## North Castle Extends Special Permit for Automated Airport Garage

By Abby Luby

North Castle town board members have approved a two-year extension for a special use permit to build an automated garage at 11 New King Street. Known as Park Place Garage, the facility is about a mile and a half north of the Westchester County Airport and would serve travelers who need to park their car and get to the airport. At the July 24 town board meeting, attorney William Null of Cuddy & Feder LLC in White Plains, told the board his client needed the extension in order to wait out the issue of water contamination found in and around the airport.

"Until the water contamination is resolved, we won't build



Architect's perspective view of the proposed Park Place garage for the DEIS prepared in 2011.

the garage. We need to be able to determine how we will get drinking water and water for

the sprinkler system," Null said. Park Place Garage was originally proposed 10 years

ago and the application has been repeatedly studied and reviewed by the town board and planning board. There have been multiple public hearings and multiple environmental impact statements. The original proposal was for a parking facility on the 3.3-acre site at 11 New King Street that was 51,000 square feet and would house 1,450 cars. That plan has been scaled down to 31,000 square feet for a maximum of 850 cars. Two years ago the New York State Department of health detected contaminated water in a non-municipal supply well located at 1-3 New King Street, less than a mile from the proposed parking facility. Officials said contamination came from the airport and found

high levels PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl), substances that were used in firefighting foam decades ago for fire containment exercises by the Air National Guard. PFAS were also used in consumer products until 2002, but were banned after being linked to cancer and other illnesses. Later tests showed 26 out of 52 test wells revealed the presence of PFAS. Last May, Westchester County Executive George Latimer signed an executive order mandating biannual groundwater testing for many contaminants, including PFAS at the airport. In an emailed statement to the Examiner, Westchester County's Communications Director

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Supervisor Robert Greenstein had a different perspective and suggested there be no exemptions. "We can have the seasonal ban as well as time limits that apply to residential districts. If you only focus on residential properties and get rid of all the exemptions, we avoid a lot of the controversy like the 10-acre controversy."

There was some confusion on what the exact legislation should be. "This legislation seems like its fallen off the proverbial rails," said board member Jeremy Saland. "I think we all have the right intention, but there are so many competing ideas about how this is going to

work, and how to be fair and do what we want it to do." For over 30 minutes, the discussion went from changing allowable times for leaf blower use for residents and commercial landscapers to varying the decibel levels.

"It's like we're searching for a solution to a problem that doesn't exist," said Greenstein. "We don't really get complaints about us [the town] blowing our fields early in the morning. What we do get are complaints from those who are out enjoying their property on a Sunday afternoon while their neighbors are blowing their property. I don't think we need to worry about the schools, the town

or commercial properties."

The leaf blower issue has become hotly contested, pitting residents against landscape businesses who see the proposed restrictions having a negative impact on their businesses. In Greenstein's July 16 supervisors report he floated a suggestion of a "green landscaper certification program." The program would acknowledge environmental-friendly landscapers who meet certain requirements and would be listed on a "green landscaper" referral list.

The board didn't discuss how the new law would be enforced. The leaf blower ordinance is different in different towns; White Plains fines up to \$250 for violating their ordinance. The Town of Bedford also has a fine of \$250 but that can multiply daily if leaf blowing continues. Bedford also has special rules for their hamlets

limiting the use of push-behind blowers and gas powered blowers.

SAB's research showed that eliminating gas-powered blowers for four months in New Castle would save about 135 metric tons of carbon in a year, equivalent to taking 29 cars off the road.

Before the work session started, New Castle residents Kent Thomas and Sue Meany said they were eager to hear the board's discussion on the leaf blower regulation. "We are concerned with the environment and the health issues related to the exhaust from the gas-powered blowers," said Thomas. "Studies have shown leaf blowers disperse pollen, allergens, pesticides from lawns and dust, which then become airborne. When they are used to blow off hard surfaces all of those elements get into the run off."

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Catherine Cioffi said, "We have a consent decree with the state to better understand the contamination at the Westchester County Airport and then based on that to take remedial measures."

Despite the contaminated water issue, Null indicated that the plan for the fully automated garage remains the same, including mitigating stormwater runoff on

New King Street and reducing impervious surfaces. The facility will allow drivers to park in a container at the garage and then be stacked in the 53-foot-high structure. "We've been actively moving forward with design and implementation details and keeping the town informed," said Null. "We very much look forward to build this project and make it a reality for the town."

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# Vaping Epidemic Growing Among Youth, Warns Congresswoman

By Abby Luby

Local high school students sent a strong message to adults at the roundtable discussion "E-Cigarettes and Youth," chaired by Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-Harrison) last week. Their message: Here's what we're doing to stop kids vaping, but we need your help.

The meeting was held at the Student Assistance Services Corp. in Tarrytown where some half a dozen teens spoke directly to Lowey and several high-profile experts from the Centers for Disease Control Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) as well as local physicians, educators, health advocates and youth directors. "There's a lot of dangerous peer pressure on social media like Snapchat and Instagram," said Meaghan Ennis of Pleasantville High School. "Adults don't see a lot of the advertising for e-cigarettes because it's hard to find. You have to dig for it and it shows that vaping is cool."

CDC's Dr. Brian King, an expert on youth tobacco and e-cigarettes, said from 2017 to 2018, e-cigarette use among high schoolers rose 78 percent. "New products appeal to kids. Advertisements, new flavors and nicotine — that's the tri-fecta of factors that lead to the initiation of the youth epidemic. Schools are ground zero where e-cigs are being used. We are seeing signs of nicotine dependency."

Congresswoman Lowey has long spearheaded legislation addressing addiction to tobacco and e-cigarettes by youngsters. As Chairwoman of the House Appropriations

Committee, Lowey included an increase of \$40 million for the Office on Smoking and Health in the House-passed spending bill for Fiscal Year 2020. The Senate is currently considering this legislation. "Every stakeholder here today is critical to combatting the use of e-cigarettes by kids, teens, and young adults," said Lowey. "I am honored that members of the CDC Office on Smoking and Health traveled to the Lower Hudson Valley to collaborate with local physicians, educators, health advocates, youth directors, and students. This epidemic has taken hold in our community and ending it will be a team effort."

Nicole Calle, a senior at Ossining High School told about attending a recent youth conference to learn how to sway teens away from vaping or smoking. "We learned how to practice drug free fun and bring that knowledge back to our schools," said Calle, who explained that teens indulge in tobacco and e-cigarettes, raising their dopamine levels to feel good. "Those levels can go up naturally and you don't have to smoke to feel good." Calle was applauded when she said, "Teens are attracted to the vape flavors. We want to hold a flavor ban and get the youth on board with that. Kids are here to stand up for themselves and I hope you guys can help us get this epidemic out of our schools." Lowey responded by saying, "This group has to continue to be vocal. We can't give up. I'm so impassioned about this issue and I hope to get more money to help control this epidemic."

Sherlita Amler, MD, Westchester County



From left to right: Ossining High School Senior Nicole Calle, Pleasantville High School Student Ian McKensie, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Pleasantville High School students Nya Pierre and Meaghan Ennis, and Alex Alvarez.

Commissioner of Health passed around several types of e-cigarettes. She talked about the Tobacco 21 law passed last year by Westchester County Executive George Latimer making it illegal to sell vaping products to anyone under age 21. "Many young people don't realize that when they vape, they breathe in an aerosol that can contain harmful substances, including highly concentrated and addictive nicotine, volatile

organic compounds that can cause cancer, heavy metals and diacetyl, a chemical linked to a serious lung disease."

Educators on tap included Joseph Spero, Principal of Walter Panas High School of the Lakeland school district and Dr. Joseph Ricca, Superintendent of Schools in White Plains. Spero said the Lakeland school district considers it an infraction if a student

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# Northern Westchester Hospital Appoints New Executive Director

By Joan Gaylord

Derek Anderson has been appointed the new executive director of Northern Westchester Hospital, succeeding Joel Seligman who plans to retire at the end of this year.

Anderson, who currently serves as the associate executive director of Northwell's North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, NY, will assume his new post after Labor Day. He and Seligman will work together closely until Seligman's departure to ensure a smooth transition. Seligman has served as NWH's president and CEO since 2001.

"I am thrilled at the opportunity to live

in and be a part of the local community," said Anderson. "Being raised in the western United States, I was instilled with a strong sense of community - supporting local businesses, attending community events, and living in a community that cares. The individuals at the hospital, Board members, and the visits I've had in the local towns - have all emulated that same sense of community."

Anderson was selected by a search committee comprised of members of the NWHC board of trustees and Northwell leadership. In a release issued this past week, Northwell Health president and CEO Michael Dowling said of Anderson, "Buoyed by his talent and work ethic,

he has risen steadily through the ranks at North Shore University Hospital, where his efforts have driven financial performance, operational efficiency and employee engagement."

Anderson first joined NSUH in 2010 as a project manager in hospital administration where he headed operations. Following promotions to director and senior director of operations, he was named associate executive director in 2016. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in health promotion and education from the University of Utah and a master's degree from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health where he worked briefly as a teaching and research assistant



Derek Anderson

before joining Northwell.

When asked what he expects will be the biggest difference between working at NWH and NSUH, an 800-bed tertiary hospital with 1,200 employees, Anderson cited the scale of the two facilities.

"Change can be quite complicated and take time in a large, academic medical center like North Shore University Hospital," he said. "Smaller hospitals often can innovate better and faster, and that intrigues me. Northern Westchester offers an incredibly patient-centered, high customer service approach - it's clear that through Joel's leadership over the past two decades, he has created a culture that is focused on clinical excellence as well as a culture that puts the patient and their loved ones at the center. We're looking forward to building on that solid foundation."

Under Seligman's leadership, NWH received accolades for its patient-centered care. It is the only hospital in the country to be designated with distinction by Planetree, a professional certification organization, and also hold Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. During Seligman's tenure, NWH also achieved strides in robotic surgery, orthopedics, cancer and breast care, as well as surgical weight loss, physical therapy and rehabilitation.

Seligman, who had announced his retirement plans earlier this year, will be honored this November at the NWH's annual gala.

"We congratulate Mr. Anderson on his appointment," said Michael Schwartz, chairman of the NWH board of trustees. "And thank Mr. Seligman for his decades of strong leadership, commitment and many successes."

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# County Police to Marijuana Legalization Backers: Not So Fast

By Ed Perratore

Westchester County in January reduced penalties for possessing up to two ounces of marijuana, and New York State's new law decriminalizing possession of similar amounts takes effect later this month. A new poll from Siena College also shows New Yorkers favoring marijuana legalization 55% to 40%, so you might think most residents are on board for the state to follow 11 others that have fully legalized recreational marijuana.

But police officials in the county, and across the state, have not budged on their position: Proceed with caution. Extreme caution.

It isn't only that Governor Andrew Cuomo surprised police departments across the state with his declaration, last December, that legalizing recreational marijuana was among the top goals for his third term. It's that the police want no further steps toward state-sanctioned cannabis without a broad discussion—involving them and other stakeholders, such as medical professionals—that addresses their many doubts.

Following the governor's declaration, the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police issued a statement urging the state to take its time, learn from the experiences of states that had opted for legalization, and include all appropriate parties in any further plans. The county's chapter, the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association, followed

suit. "Is that where we really want to go? Are we really going to do it because other states have done it? That's not necessarily the best answer," said Mt. Pleasant Chief of Police Paul J. Oliva, the president of the county's chapter and author of its own statement.

White Plains Public Safety Commissioner David Chong who was also asked to comment said that all 42 of the county's chiefs and commissioners have agreed to have one single spokesperson on the issue, the president of the county's chapter.

The arguments of the Westchester County Chiefs are twofold: public safety and public health. And a primary disagreement police have with marijuana's advocates is over the idea of marijuana as a "gateway drug" that leads to more dangerous, more addictive drug habits. The police insist it's a gateway drug; the opposition considers that notion long debunked.

But in truth, today's marijuana appears to be its own gateway. Many people today who advocate the legalization of recreational marijuana smoked it as teens, or in college, decades ago. And through the 1980s, the levels of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main psychoactive compound in marijuana that gives the high sensation, was less than 2%. Today, the ranges of THC content in licensed dispensaries of states that have legalized marijuana are much higher than that, but homegrown and black-market products, including THC-laced edibles resembling desserts or candies, can reach near 100% THC. Besides their greater



Mt. Pleasant Chief of Police Paul J. Oliva, president of the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association, spoke to The Examiner.

psychoactive effects, higher THC levels are much more addictive.

Among the effects of routinely using today's higher-THC marijuana, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are problems with attention, memory, and learning, along with increased risk of stroke and heart disease. Another potential effect—of particular concern if the user takes the wheel—is that "...marijuana users are significantly more likely than nonusers to develop temporary psychosis (not knowing what is real, hallucinations and paranoia) and long-lasting mental disorders, including

schizophrenia," according to the CDC.

Said Oliva: "Locally we've had people overdose on marijuana edibles, which, in all my 30-plus years as a police officer, I'd never seen."

This is what worries those concerned about public safety. THC levels do not necessarily correspond with impaired driving as consistently as blood-alcohol counts, but police sometimes can spot high drivers—by their slower reaction time, impaired judgment of time and distance, and decreased coordination—much the way they do drunks. "After alcohol," said the National Institute on Drug Abuse, "marijuana is the drug most often found in the blood of drivers involved in crashes."

And even without all-out legalization, there are more drivers impaired by THC, alone or in combination with alcohol or other substances. "In the past three years, we're seeing an increase in arrests with ability impaired from marijuana," said Oliva. "We've had accidents where marijuana was definitely involved, accidents with injuries where people smoked or ingested marijuana, and have had more vehicle crashes."

The many delivery systems of THC—joints, blunts, water pipes, edibles and more—further complicate how a police officer assesses a driver he or she has stopped along a highway. Unlike with alcohol, for instance, an officer during a vehicle stop cannot necessarily smell or measure marijuana in the driver's breath. This, plus

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# Elected Officials Praise New State Gun Safety Legislation

By Neal Rentz

Gun safety legislation signed into law last week by Gov. Andrew Cuomo was praised by elected officials, just days before the country was rocked yet again by two incidents of mass gun violence in Texas and Ohio occurring within 24-hours of each other.

Cuomo signed legislation to establish up to a 30-day waiting period for individuals who are not immediately approved to purchase a firearm through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. The new law also closed the statutory

loopholes to prohibit ownership or sale of a bump stock.

"For too long gun violence has plagued communities across our nation and while the federal government turns a blind eye, New York continues leading the way forward to protect our families and our children," Cuomo said. "By signing these measures into law we are strengthening our nation-leading gun laws - banning devices whose sole purpose is to create the most bloodshed in the shortest timeframe and providing law enforcement the tools they need to stop firearms from falling into dangerous hands."

"As gun violence continues to affect communities across the state and the nation, we are advancing our efforts to strengthen our laws and protect New Yorkers," Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul said. "This legislation, extending the background check waiting period and banning bump stocks, will help to ensure that firearms do not get into the wrong hands and bans the use of devices that have been used to wreak havoc. We are committed to building on our nation-leading policies to stop senseless gun violence and save lives."

According to the governor's office, federal law requires gun dealers to conduct a National Instant Criminal Background Check System background check on a potential purchaser prior to selling a firearm, which immediately provides the dealer with one of three possible notifications - "proceed," "denied," or "delayed." In the case of a "delayed" response, the dealer must wait three days before completing the sale. The FBI may continue to investigate the individual past the three-day timeframe but oftentimes by the time law enforcement has determined that the potential purchaser is ineligible, the sale has already been completed. By extending the waiting period up to 30 days, law enforcement is provided with sufficient time to complete a background check and help ensure that only those eligible to

purchase and own a firearm are able to do so, according to the governor's office.

The legislation was also lauded last week by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale).

"This achievement has special meaning for me," Paulin said. "I was an advocate on the issue of commonsense measures to prevent gun violence long before I was an Assemblymember. I introduced a bill on the safe storage of firearms at the very beginning of my Assembly career. Though it has been a long time in coming, the result is a law that will help prevent accidental injuries and deaths, particularly of children, and will also help prevent incidents of suicide and theft."

"New York state law already requires the safe storage of rifles, shotguns, and handguns in households when a person who lives there has been convicted of a crime, is subject to an order of protection or other factors," Paulin said. "This law adds households where a child under the age of 16 lives, or times when a child of that age could reasonably be expected to be visiting a house. Given everything we know about the effect a gun in the home can have on our children's health and safety, and the many tragic stories when a firearm was left unattended by an adult, this law is absolutely necessary for keeping our kids safe."

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the way THC can linger in the blood for weeks, leads New York chiefs to insist that the financial impact of training officers to properly detect impairment by marijuana "could be crippling to some municipalities" without appropriate funding from the state.

Perhaps the greatest concern of both police organizations is the message legalization sends to kids, and THC's particular effects on developing brains. Harvard Medical School cites studies suggesting "that when youth and young adults (whose brains are still developing), are exposed to marijuana in secondhand smoke, it may have permanent effects on executive function, memory, and even IQ." Executive function helps us plan or manage time, evaluate ideas, finish work

on time, and multitask.

The outcome gets worse if the teen or young adult is the one partaking. "Heavy marijuana use in adolescence or early adulthood," said the American Psychological Association, "has been associated with a dismal set of life outcomes including poor school performance, higher dropout rates, increased welfare dependence, greater unemployment and lower life satisfaction."

Oliva insists it shouldn't be about tax revenue—or about politics. "It's a public safety issue," he says. "Just as people choose to drive when they've been drinking, people will die on the roadways after full legalization. We need time to educate people about the dangers, even if one life is saved."

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# Ossining's Risko Music Acclaimed World Wide

By Abby Luby

Innovation comes in all shapes and sizes, and for Mike and Miriam Risko, owners of Mike Risko Music in Ossining, their new and exciting idea was to offer online video lessons linking teachers with students around the world. The real-time video lessons were quickly noticed by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) in Nashville, Tennessee, and they named the Riskos not only one of the three most innovative music stores in the world but one of the top three finalists for NAMM Dealer of the Year. NAMM has 14,400 members and is a known global association of music retailers. The Dealer of the Year Award honors retail music dealers who are strongly committed to their customers and their local communities by making music accessible to everyone.

The award put Mike Risko Music in the same class with two large musical instrument stores: Thomann Music in Bavaria Germany and Cosmo Music in Canada considered the largest musical-instrument store in North America. The Riskos have attended the July NAMM annual convention for a number of years and were awarded among the top 100 Dealers for the last five years. "That's what we expected this time at the convention," said Miriam Risko. "We were there in Nashville and when they announced these top tier awards we were totally surprised."

The Riskos are like an institution in the Westchester music world. For 25 years they've established themselves as a music school where students of all ages can learn to

play instruments from guitar to drums, piano, voice, violin, viola, cello, brass or woodwinds and can perform with professional musicians. They average about 500 – 1000 young and adult students yearly depending on the many different programs offered. As a store, it's the go-to place for musical instruments and gear. Their 3000-square foot music building combines the store, the school, four teaching rooms and a spacious performance space replete with a stage, snack bar and small round tables. Mike Risko teaches adult bands, which he said is a rich and rewarding experience. "I have adults come and say they always dreamt of being in a band but were unsure if they could do it. I try to convince them to play and usually they give it a try. When they work together for six or eight weeks and then perform, they tell me 'I'm so happy you asked me to do this.'"

Covering the walls in the performance space are a plethora of plaques and certificates honoring the business and school over the years. Among them are Westchester Magazine's Best of Westchester Best Music Store, Westchester's 2018 Ultimate Shopping Guide for store and music school, the HulaFrog Most Loved Music Lessons 2018 Westchester Putnam, Small Business Awards General Excellence, Village of Ossining Proclamation For Commitment and Dedication to Community 2014.

The online video lessons started when one of Risko's drum teachers moved to California and his students wanted to continue to study with him. "We installed software so he could connect with his students," said Risko. "In a special room there's a flat screen monitor,

speakers and two cameras which is the same set up in the teacher's room in California. They are virtually in the same room." The system was also used when students couldn't get to the school. It wasn't long after they set up the on-line lessons the Riskos found a growing number of requests from all over the world to study with teachers online.

"By using the Zoom video platform, teachers and students can connect and give and receive instruction," Mike Risko explained. "The lessons are recorded and the file is sent to the student."

The success of the online video lessons helped both the retail business and the school. "We have become part of the digital age," said Miriam Risko. "It opens us up to the next level and gives us a vision."

Miriam Risko has headed up the school's popular musical theatre program, which has attracted hundreds of students and staged about 20 shows since it was first launched in 2015. "But my real passion is for musical theatre," she said. "We put on four shows a year, three performances for each show and they are free. It gives kids an opportunity to be in a live show." They recently performed Rock of Ages.

Both Miriam and Mike were born and grew



Mike and Miriam Risko, owners of Mike Risko Music in Ossining.

up in Ossining and Yorktown respectively and are formally trained musicians. Miriam is a pianist and also the vocalist in the Mike Risko Band and Mike excels on guitar. They live in Ossining and have two children ages 13 and 15. Their ties to the community are strong and reaching out to area schools, libraries, senior centers among others is an ongoing effort to engage youngsters and adults in a musical activity.

"Last year we put out a call for people to donate their unused and unwanted instruments," said Miriam Risko. "The idea was we would repair the instruments, give them to the Ossining Children's Center and give free lessons to the kids every other week." Once the youngsters learned a few songs, people who donated the instruments were invited to hear them play. "It was so nice to get instruments into the hands of lots of kids," she said.



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# Police Blotter

## County Police/Mount Kisco

**Aug. 2** – A village resident reported that the license plate on her motorcycle was missing and that she was unsure when it might have been lost or stolen. An officer prepared paperwork on the missing plate for her to bring to DMV to obtain a new plate.

**Aug. 2** – A business owner on South Moger Avenue reported that he discovered

that an oily substance on the doorknob and locks on his business. Officers determined there were no signs of an attempted entry and advised the man to check with his landlord to see if any maintenance work had been done on the locks.

**Aug. 2** – Westchester County Police responded to an activated burglar alarm at the Mount Kisco Post Office. The alarm had been set off in error by an employee.

**Aug. 1** – A patron of a health club

on North Bedford Road reported that someone stole his wallet from a locker while he was working out. The locker had not been secured with a lock. The wallet contained about \$300 in cash and personal identification.

**July 31** – Jorge Sanchez, 54, of Highland Avenue, Yonkers, was arrested on multiple charges after he attempted to purchase a car using fraudulent identification. He was charged with Attempted Grand Larceny 3rd

Degree, Possession of a Forged Instrument 2nd Degree and Tampering With Business Records 1st Degree, felonies. Westchester County Police responded to a dealership on North Bedford Road after employees suspected that a customer was giving them a fake name and false ID. Patrol officers took the man into custody after they determined that he was in possession of a fraudulent New Jersey driver's license. A fingerprint check by detectives determined his actual identity and uncovered a New York State Probation Department warrant for his arrest. Sanchez was arraigned in Mount Kisco Justice Court and ordered held without bail at the county jail.

## Vaping Epidemic Growing Among Youth, Warns Congresswoman

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is caught smoking within 100 feet of the school. "Our goal is not to throw kids out of school for bad behavior. But you also have to send a message that certain behaviors are serious issues. It's a balance."

Pleasantville High School student Nya Pierre shared a typical scene in a boys' bathroom at school. "It's pretty sad when you see kids smoking in the stalls." Pierre was joined by his fellow classmate Ian McKensie who told Lowey "a high school student could effectively help younger kids not to smoke. For younger kids that are starting to smoke cigarettes or are vaping, older teens are a good role model who could really listen."

Calle told of a public service announcement

(PSA) contest whose message was to show students how to resist peer pressure to try e-cigarettes. "The videos produced in our school showed a teen's point of view and how to help their fellow students in many different situations including mental health issues. It would be great to bring this PSA contest to more schools."

Lowey said the House Committee on Oversight and Reform hearing a few weeks ago focused on Juul, the company producing flavored e-cigarettes that advertises directly to teens.

"This is not the first hearing on this. We need to look at this issue from every perspective. The saturation of e-cigarettes has turned back the clock on decades

of success in deterring underage use of tobacco," Lowey said.

Juul and other companies have marketed e-cigarettes without FDA approval for years but just a few weeks ago a judge ruled that e-cigarette makers have to submit applications for approval by the FDA by May, 2020. Late last year, the tobacco giant Altria invested \$12.8 billion in Juul. Altria's 35 percent stake in Juul is valued at \$38 billion.

When the discussion was over, Nicole Calle said, "This was a great opportunity to bring ideas to adults who were attentive. They were listening and took us seriously. We hope they will help us make a change."

## North Castle Police Department

**Aug. 1** – Police responded to a report of tree limbs down, blocking the left lane. On arrival the road was clear.

**Aug. 1** – Police responded to an audible alarm ringing at 7 Wampus Lakes Drive. The home is under renovation and the alarm was ringing in a dumpster. The property checked out OK.

**July 31** – ADT Security reported a residential burglar alarm activation at 25 General Heath Avenue. Female on scene, but the line disconnected when speaking to the operator. Officers responded and report that alarm was set off in error by a family member.

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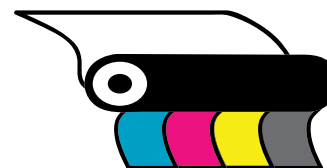
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## The Weekly Feature from Entergy

# Local Volunteer Pays it Forward to Hospital Patients

By Abby Luby

When Michael Dymant walks into a patient's room at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mt. Kisco, he makes sure he has two things: his sense of humor and the story of his two, major life-threatening cardio-related surgeries. If the patient is receptive, he introduces himself and tells them about his very difficult medical journey a couple of years ago. Dymant's goal, as a volunteer who visits patients once a week, is to assure them they are not alone, that they will heal and survive the hospital experience.

"I initially try to get a laugh," Dymant said. "Then I share what I went through, how I dealt with being thrown into the medical system and my struggles with the physical and emotional challenges of my illness."

The Briarcliff Manor-based Dymant has just penned "Heartbeat," a book about being a cardiothoracic patient and the long road to being healed. "Heartbeat" was three years in the making and is made up of journal entries recounting Dymant's first operation to repair an aortic aneurism; his second was open heart surgery. He tells of his wife Lynn and her strong role as patient advocate and then picking up the pieces of his life as an investment adviser who loves yoga,

reading, and travel.

"One of my concerns is the kind of support I can offer the patients," said Dymant. "I try to take the dehumanizing experience of being in a hospital and humanize it. I usually spend about 15 to 30 minutes to help folks deal with being a patient."

For about seven months Dymant has volunteered to talk to patients; his first stint was at an area hospital but now he visits only patients at Northern Westchester Hospital. The personal connection Dymant establishes with those convalescing is truly unique. He hones a survivor's presence of one who has endured the controlled environment of the vast medical complex only to emerge out the other end as a strong and vital person. "There is really nothing in the medical world that offers this type of support," he explained. "As a former patient, I'm coming from a completely different place than support you might get from social workers or priests. There's something about hearing from someone who has been through a similar experience."

According to the American Heart Association up to 33 percent of heart attack patients develop some degree of depression, a common and serious side effect of cardiac surgery. Dymant writes about his own struggle



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with depression and anxiety compounded by hospital conditions that increased his feelings of fear and loneliness. "Those feelings are hounding the patient around the clock," he said. "They are constantly on edge, constantly on the defensive. When doctors walk into their room their patients' faces are like deer in the headlights."

Patients often feel they are not being heard, Dymant said. "I remember trying to stay in the ICU (Intensive Care Unit) because that's where you get so much attention. I tried to bring that up to two doctors in my room who were discussing my transfer out of ICU but who weren't paying any attention

to me. They wouldn't notice me if my hair was on fire." It's scenarios like this one that compelled Dymant to write "Heartbeat" in hopes of imparting salient messages to doctors who "need to relate to patients as human beings, find a way to engage with them, offer courtesy and respect and spend time. It's what every patient needs. That will go a long way to combat a myriad of despondent feelings."

The question Dymant has been asking since starting his volunteer work is, "Why can't more people like me do this kind of work?" He has seen a real, viable need. "No patient has ever said to me 'I'm getting so much support.'" He has approached hospital volunteer programs only to be told that volunteers can help out in gift shops, the front desk, dispensaries. When he had the opportunity to meet with hospital administrators to suggest implementing a volunteer program for the type of work he was doing, he was told he should start the program, a response he wasn't expecting and one he wasn't feeling able to take on. "I don't think you can standardize the kind of intimacy we are talking about," he said. "My approach doesn't fit into a large, autocratic corporate style type of volunteer program."

Dymant has donated a copy of "Heartbeat" to the hospital's library for doctors and nurses to read and usually has his book in tow if a patient wishes to be read to. "I want to inspire the person in the bed and tell them they are in the right place, that they will come out and have a life again," he said. "Northern Westchester Hospital was the best fit for me to give back, a place where I feel comfortable paying it forward."

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## Guest Column

### Comparison-Shopping at Two Westchester Hospitals

A clogged artery recently gave me the questionable opportunity to compare the services of Northern Westchester Hospital and Westchester Medical Center.

Once a school yard athlete, who loved playing basketball, football and softball, at the age of 61 I had descended into gorging on sugar and fat-laden foods.

Giant chicken parmesan sandwiches, pizza, frozen yogurt, energy bars, cakes and cookies from some of Westchester's fine restaurants and stores all disappeared into my mouth.

This summer, walking around Rockefeller State Park, I experienced dizziness, chest pain and shortness of breath.

An attempt to make an appointment with a Caremount cardiologist in Mt. Kisco turned into a hospital stay. Caremount sent me to Northern Westchester Hospital.

The staff was professional and personable. There was one strange event. While lying in the emergency ward, an employee told me there was a \$150 deductible. As if I was purchasing a CD player at the local electronics store, I pulled out my wallet, found my debit card and handed it over.

I wondered about people who could

not afford the deductible. What would the hospital do in such a case?

Northern Westchester determined I needed a stress test, scheduled for the next day. In the meantime, chest pain or not, I needed to eat. This posed a challenge, as I now needed to be careful about my food choices. I ate lots of tuna fish.

The food service was excellent. Patients choose from a varied menu and phone in their orders. Food arrives within 45 minutes.

During my treadmill stress test, I felt like a factory worker on an assembly line that speeds by too fast to place the product in the box. The doctor stopped the test after seven minutes. The results came back abnormal.

Northern Westchester does not have a cardiac care unit. Westchester Medical Center does. So another ambulance was called for me.

Westchester Medical Center is much bigger than Northern Westchester, but the nurses and staff were just as professional and caring.

I experienced one odd moment. When I got into my cardiac care room, a nurse

hurriedly placed on the table by my bed a beef burger and fries plate, and then strode away.

Burger and fries for a cardiac patient? I sent that tray off and requested a tuna sandwich from somebody else.

The staff gave me an angiogram. They concluded that 50 percent of my one of my arteries was blocked. After the test, a doctor said I had to take a cholesterol-reducing drug. My diet would have to change.

After this shock, I decided I wanted to live, so I had to eat better. Goodbye, chicken Parmesan.

To compare my experiences, Northern Westchester has a warm medical staff, with a great kitchen, but that \$150 transaction in the emergency room was a little strange. Also, they have no cardiac care unit, a minus. Westchester Medical Center provides excellent care and advice, but how did a burger and fries end up in front of me?

I'm deeply grateful to both hospitals, but guys don't take this the wrong way -- I hope I don't have to see either of you for an extremely long time.

*Michael Gold, Pleasantville*

## Letter to the Editor

### Safety at the Pleasantville Farmers Market

I couldn't believe it: when I told Ryan at Pura Vida that I wanted a bit less than a pound of fish, he said we'd have to see if one of the already cut pieces was close enough because the Market no longer allowed him to cut pieces; that the Market was worried about safety, and he therefore could not use a knife after 8am. For all the years Pura Vida has been coming to the market, I've been able to ask for

the amount I need, and to get it, taking home enough for our Farmers Market Saturday night dinner, but not so much that we would end up throwing any of that expensive fish away.

I am grateful for the careful administration of the market, which includes due attention to safety, but this particular rule seems like protection from a non-threat, resulting in hampering

the vendor and disaffecting the buyer. Thinking ahead, recognizing risks that can be managed before damage is done: that is the hallmark of due care. Going down the road of eliminating conceivable risk goes beyond due care and enters the realm of the silly.

**Kathryn Ward**  
Pleasantville

### Westchester County Police Statement on Active Shooter Incidents

Over the weekend, County Executive George Latimer issued the following statement: "In the span of hours, our nation once again is reeling from the news of scores of fellow citizens – in two separate incidents – being killed at the hands of a person with an agenda and a gun. This is not normal and this is not okay. To honor these victims, I am directing flags on Westchester County buildings and property to be lowered to half-staff. We as a Country must act, we must do something, to stop this uniquely American epidemic."

Latimer also directed the Department of Public Safety to increase communication with local police departments in Westchester and provide any needed support they request. In response, intelligence bulletins from the New York State

Intelligence Center and the County Police were shared with local law enforcement through the Real Time Crime Center. RTC will continue to monitor developments and share that information with local law enforcement as needed.

Although there is no indication of any threats in this region, Westchester County Police are also assessing the need for increased patrols in Mount Kisco and Cortlandt, the two communities where the County Police provide municipal police service.

In continuation of the Department's efforts to keep Westchester residents safe, the County Police in recent months have provided active shooter training for civilians and law enforcement. The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training has been provided to hundreds

of county employees and citizens. Additional sessions are anticipated. CRASE provides practical guidance to increase the odds of surviving an active shooter event in the workplace or at public venues.

The County Police will continue to work closely with Counter-Terrorism Zone 3, the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association and all its law enforcement partners on training and exercises regarding active shooter events. It also continues to provide training and guidance to the Westchester Security Directors Association, among other groups. The Department will also be exploring adding private sector partners to the mutual aid drills that are held quarterly to ensure a rapid and coordinated response to any large-scale incident that might occur in the County.



# What You Should Do For Activity Cycling And Pre-Season Training

Exercise and sport activities are two of the best ways to increase your cardiovascular health, build and maintain musculoskeletal tissue, and overall increase ones mood through a means of stress relief.

The reason that our bodies respond with such positive outcomes is due to our ability to adapt to the activity that we enjoy taking part in. For example, as we start to get better at running the lower extremity and core muscles

develop, the heart becomes stronger and more efficient at pumping blood, and the lungs capacity to use oxygen increases.

These adaptations are what make exercising and participation in sports a great addition to anyone's lifestyle. With such amazing benefits one might think that the more often and the longer we participate in our chosen activity the better the benefits will be! This where our bodies become very complicated.

In a study by Neeru Jayanthi, MD et al, 2013 May, it was identified through survey that specialization in sports/activity increased the rates of injury, increased psychological stress, and quitting sports at a young age. Another study by M. Kellman Scand J Med Sci Sports 2010, indicated that participation in a sport/activity for a prolonged period



By Eric Faatz, MS, ATC

can cause chronic over-fatigue, increased injury risk, decreased cognitive performance and lower metabolic rate.

The possibility of this happening might be enough to deter someone from sport/activity participation. But there is a way to continue enjoying the activities that we enjoy doing, while minimizing the negative side effects and increasing the ability to reap the benefits.

This concept is called periodization or activity cycling. While this can be complicated, it can also be as easy as having planned breaks in your sports or activity regime. A general good practice rule would be that every eight to 10 weeks of participation should be followed with at least two weeks of a break from that particular activity.

During this two-week break period, we should aim to still be active within a separate form of exercise.

Instead of playing tennis, we could instead go hiking as a form of exercise or go swimming to limit the amount of force going through our joints and muscle to allow for proper recovery.

During this time, it is also wise to address any weaknesses, inflexibilities, or asymmetries you may have throughout your body. This will ensure optimal level of function



and performance while lowering your risk of injury for when you return to your activity. Best way to address any asymmetries is to consult with a medical professional such as a Physical Therapist or a Certified Athletic Trainer.

These health care professionals specialize in performing complete and thorough functional and postural assessments and screenings. With these findings, they would be able to create a unique exercise program that can be a preseason or pre-activity program that's geared towards injury prevention and improving your sports performance.

The same goes for athletes that need to prepare for pre-season. As we all either

know or have experienced, pre-season can be tough on the body - really tough. However, the healthcare professionals listed above can help. They would be able to help prepare and address any potential issues so the athlete can avoid an injury before the season even starts.

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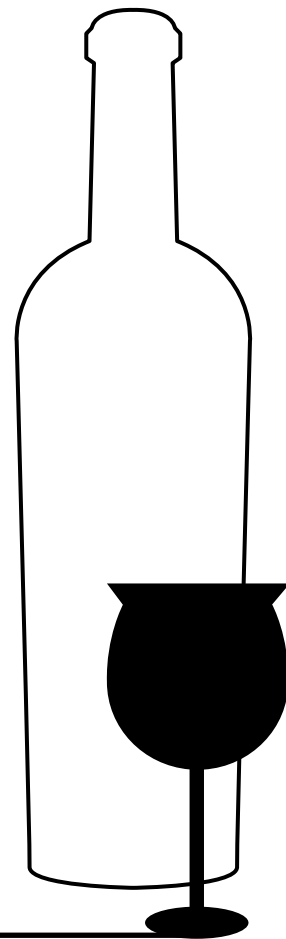
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# Seasonal Zucchini Recipes



The gardens are beginning to be full of seasonal vegetables in bounty, such as tomatoes and zucchini. I'm offering some zucchini recipes for you to consider trying if you have ripe zucchini in your garden at the moment!

**Easy Baked Zucchini:**

- Ingredients:
- 2 medium zucchini sliced into 1/2" rounds
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - Salt & pepper to taste
  - 1/3 cup shredded parmesan cheese divided

**Instructions:**

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Toss zucchini slices with olive oil, salt & pepper and about 2 tablespoons of the Parmesan cheese.
3. Place on a baking sheet and top with remaining parmesan cheese. Bake 5 minutes.
4. Turn oven to broil, place pan near the top and broil 3-5 minutes or until cheese is melted and zucchini is tender crisp.

**Chocolate Chip Zucchini Bread:**

**Ingredients:**

- 2 medium ripe bananas
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- Pinch of sea salt
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups grated zucchini
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips

**Instructions:**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 8" x 5"(or similar size) loaf pan with baking spray (the kind with flour in it) and set aside.
2. In a large bowl mash the bananas until completely smooth. Stir in the melted butter until smooth.
3. Add the sugar, egg, vanilla, baking



By Joanne Witmyer

soda, cinnamon, salt and flour and stir until the batter is thick and combined. Fold in the grated zucchini and chocolate chips then pour/scoop the batter into the prepared loaf pan.  
4. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool completely on a wire rack. Slice and enjoy!

I look forward to hearing how you enjoy these recipes if you decide to try them!

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- 1. portentous (adj.)**

A) useable                      B) ominous                      C) stately
- 2. indefatigable (adj.)**

A) tireless                      B) not precise                      C) flawless
- 3. sobriquet (n.)**

A) a sad story                      B) a small group                      C) a nickname
- 4. obfuscate (v.)**

A) to thrust out                      B) throw into shadow                      C) raise concerns
- 5. otiose (adj.)**

A) having no real purpose                      B) different                      C) out-of-bounds
- 6. inspissate (v.)**

A) to urge forward                      B) bring out                      C) make thicker
- 7. apotheosis (n.)**

A) a rightful endowment                      B) lack of interest                      C) a perfect example
- 8. esurient (adj.)**

A) hungry                      B) seemingly endless                      C) superabundant

1. B. Relating to a serious matter; ominous

2. A. Incapable of being fatigued; tireless

3. C. A familiar or shortened version of a person's name; a nickname

4. B. To throw into shadow or darken; to make obscure; to confuse

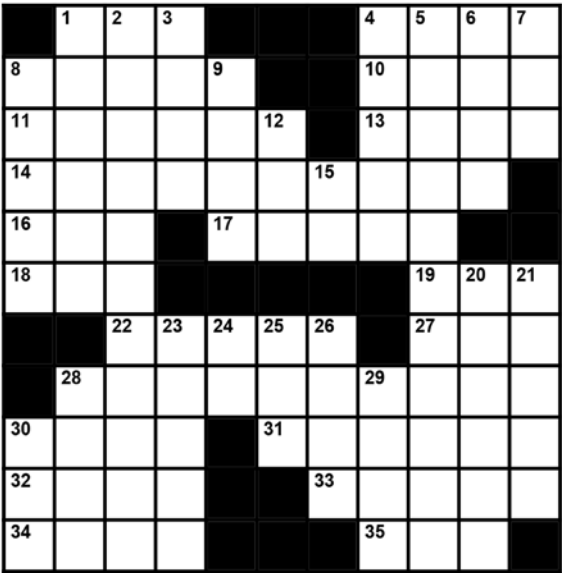
5. A. Having no real purpose; useless; pointless

6. C. To make thicker; congeal

7. C. The best point in something's development; a perfect example

8. A. Hungry; greedy

## Crossword by Myles Mellor



**ACROSS**

1. The South, in the Civil War, abbr.
4. Where Jamal Malik grew up
8. Mantelpiece
10. Pardon me!
11. Relax
13. Sgts. and cpls.
14. Beatles song or Pleasantville handmade goods shop

**DOWN**

16. Original manufactured item
17. Become irate
18. Canonized mlle.
19. Mistaken
22. Get ready for something bad
27. Fraternity "T"
28. Appreciation of art and beauty
30. Urgent request
31. Singer Nicks

32. U.S.N. rank
33. Links legend
34. Back talk
35. Cable alternative

**DOWN**

1. Swiss Alp's abode
2. Bun toppers
3. Pub orders
4. Justice Sotomayor
5. Trains
6. Stratford-\_\_\_\_-Avon
7. Ed.'s pile
8. Edible flower bulbs
9. Trouble
12. Tea brewer
15. Compass pt
20. Beauty parlor treatment
21. Your workout will "come together" at this Jefferson Valley gym, \_\_\_\_\_ Fitness
23. Pre-Revolution leaders
24. \_\_ tu, Brute!
25. Quizzical sounds
26. Response to "Shall we?"
28. Diva, Gluck
29. Care for
30. Mac rivals

*Solutions on page 19*



## Memories of Real Plaster Walls, Long Gone

My father died when I was a teenager, before I understood that he was more than a skilled tradesman but, rather, a true artist.

A cement finisher by trade, he could do any maintenance or improvement project around the house from tiling our bathroom floor and stenciling our living room walls to plastering an entire room from scratch.

I was only eight years old when I watched with fascination as he plastered that new room in our house, created from a former screened in porch. First, he attached mesh lath to the studs and lobbed on the "scratch" base coat which he scored when it was half dry for adherence, then added a second layer, known as the "brown" coat and, finally, a perfect, hard and smooth finishing coat. I remember it as a laborious project in which each coat had to dry for a day or more before the next was applied.

When he was finished, he took my hand with his own, calloused by years of hard work, and guided my touch along the finishing coat, saying proudly "Billy, feel this. Smooth as silk, isn't it?"

Today few people have solid plaster walls which have been replaced almost universally with the use of sheetrock or drywall. While drywall was invented in 1916 by the U.S. Gypsum Company, it

wasn't until the 1940s that it came into prominent use, the result of the labor shortage during World War II, and the housing boom that followed, requiring cheap construction materials that took less time to install.

With all the new-fangled home building materials created in the past century, none has had so revolutionary an effect as drywall, basically compressed gypsum sandwiched between two sheets of heavy paper, expediting the homebuilding process more than any other material. But drywall has its deficiencies, from a lack of smoothness to the possibility of being victim to bad taping and spackling between panels that can produce weird and irregular surfaces.

I find it amazing that the art of plastering, while used for internal walls from ancient times, could all but disappear in just 50 years.

The skill of plastering has also all but vanished, except for a very few modern-day practitioners. When I did some investigation some time ago, I found that it's still possible to build a home with plaster walls, but time consuming as it is, certainly compared with plasterboard, it is very time consuming and expensive. Most plasterers today do mainly repair work. I

was glad to hear that quality plaster walls could still be an option, at least for those who can afford it.

There is an epilogue to the story of the room my dad plastered more than 50 years ago. Not so long ago, I was traveling to the South on business and took a detour to Newport News, Virginia, where that modest home is located. Intending to do a quick drive-by, I couldn't stop myself from pulling into the driveway. The clapboard ranch that I remembered had grown by half a story with dormers and had been veneered in yellow brick. I rang the doorbell.

Almost like a time-travel experience, I recognized the woman who opened the door as a grandmother version of the young bride who had bought the house from my parents a half a century ago. And, she recognized me as well! Imagine being told that you look the same as you did when you were eight years old?

She invited me in to tour the interior of the house, which looked pretty much the same, except for more contemporary

colors and furnishings. When I entered the room that my dad had plastered, I was astounded to see that the plaster job was still in perfect shape with not so much as a hairline crack in it. I asked if the walls been replastered during the time the new owner had lived there, but she assured me that, except for maybe two or three additional coats of paint, it was absolutely the same as it was when she and her husband bought the house.

I went to the far side of the room to the exact spot where my dad had guided my hand across the wall a half century earlier, and I repeated the motion. Yes, the surface was still smooth as

silk.

In witnessing the lasting quality of my dad's fine work, my eyes welled up with tears.

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# Happenings

## Tuesday, Aug. 6

**Music & Movement.** Shake, shimmy and dance. For children two to five years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Tuesdays through Aug. 13. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Edible Insects!** Meet edible insects and invertebrates. Brave kids will even get the chance to eat a bug! Open to all ages. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 4 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-669-5161.

**DIY Starry Night Collage.** Recreate Van Gogh's famous painting by making a collage. For all ages. Children under five years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

## Wednesday, Aug. 7

**"Support-A-Walk"** Kickoff Celebration. Support Connection kicks off its "Support-A-Walk" with a breakfast celebration provided by NYP Hudson Valley Hospital. Support Connection is marking the 25th Anniversary of the Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer, to be held on Oct. 6 at FDR Park in Yorktown. Enjoy breakfast, learn more, and sign up for the NYP Hudson Valley team. Main Lobby NYP Hudson Valley Hospital 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.; program at 8 a.m. RSVP: Call Support Connection at 914-962-6402

**"Fiddlin'."** Every summer, musicians converge on the small Virginia city of Galax to show their skill, learn and compete for cash prizes at the Old Fiddler's Convention, which has been held there since 1935. It's a heartfelt celebration of traditional music and instruments that brings fans the tunes that have been handed down from one generation to another. This lively, optimistic and surprisingly moving film provides upfront views of some of the festival's off-the-charts pickin' and fiddlin' and more than a little suspense as the finalists are announced in the ultra-competitive guitar competition. Winning awards and getting toes tapping all around the festival circuit, "Fiddlin'" is a celebration of Americana, the power of artistic expression, and music's uncanny ability to transcend time and generations. Part of the Sounds of Summer: Music Films Old and New series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 1 and 7 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**All-Mozart Summer Sing.** The Taghkanic Chorale, under the musical direction of maestro Jason Tramm, invites singers of all ages to join in singing two great works of choral literature by W. A. Mozart, his Coronation Mass and his Requiem in D Minor. Patrick Jones will accompany on piano for this event. The Sing will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the air-conditioned Westchester Korean SDA Church, 1243 Whitehill Road, Yorktown Heights, close to the Taconic State Parkway. \$12 admission includes use of scores and light refreshments. The Taghkanic Chorale is a non-profit, non-

sectarian organization that rehearses Tuesday evenings and performs spring and winter holiday concerts. Singers and audience members come from Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange and the lower Hudson Valley. For information about the Sing and the Taghkanic Chorale, call 914-440-3596 or visit [www.taghkanicchorale.org](http://www.taghkanicchorale.org).

**Puppet Show: Little Red Riding Hood.** An all-new twist on an all-time favorite. In this updated version, the Wolf and Red both learn some valuable lessons on the way to Grandma's house. For children three to nine years old. Sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Public Library and presented by Puppets-to-Go. Mount Pleasant Public Library, 350 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 4 to 4:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-769-0548 or [www.mountpleasantlibrary.org](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org).

**Chess.** Learn the rules of the game, basic openings, various tactics and basic endgame strategies in a supportive and fun learning environment. Recommended for beginner and intermediate players in grades K-12. (Chess sets that meet the United States Chess Federation standards will be provided. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

**Living With Loss Support Group.** Held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, this group is facilitated by the Coordinator of the hospital's Chaplain Program and is focused on living after the loss of a child. That loss could have occurred before birth or to your child (of any age, into middle age). The program is offered to provide more support to the caregiver(s). 2nd Floor Chapel, NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, 1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor. Registration: call 914-734-3330.

**DIY Rocket Launcher.** Get ready for blastoff and create your own rocket launcher out of cardboard. For children seven to 12 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Mount Kisco Arts Council Summer Concert Series.** Beatles tribute band Silver Steel will be performing this evening. Fountain Park at Village Hall, 104 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 6:30 p.m. Free. Series continues every other Wednesday evening through Sept. 18. Info: Visit the Mount Kisco Arts Council's Facebook page or on Instagram.

**Breast, Ovarian and Gynecological Cancer Support Group.** Northern Westchester Hospital at Chappaqua Crossing, 480 Bedford Rd., Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free. Meets the first Wednesday of every month. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

**New Castle 2019 Summer Concert Series: The Haks.** Performing rock 'n' roll, rhythm & blues, Motown, country and Southern rock. The fifth of six Wednesday evening concerts. Recreation Field, South Greeley Avenue, Chappaqua. 7 p.m. Free.

**Art Series: Raphael.** Art historian

Giorgio Vasari considered Raphael to be one of the greatest artists of his time. Tonight, explore some of the hallmarks of Raphael's style as well as some of his greatest masterpieces. Discussion led by Professor Valerie Franco. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 914-273-3887 or [www.northcastlelibrary.org](http://www.northcastlelibrary.org).

## Thursday, Aug. 8

**"Say Amen, Somebody."** One of the most acclaimed music documentaries of all time, this film is an infectiously joyous, funny, deeply emotional celebration of African American culture featuring the father of gospel Thomas A. Dorsey ("Precious Lord, Take My Hand"), pioneering singer Mother Willie Mae Ford Smith, the Barrett Sisters and the O'Neal Twins. When it was first released in the early 1980s, the film received an overwhelming critical response, garnering rave reviews around the world. Unseen in cinemas for nearly 30 years, "Say Amen, Somebody" has received a gorgeous 4K restoration. Part of the Sounds of Summer: Music Films Old and New series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

**Bananagrams and Boggle Bash.** Spend a fun, noisy hour playing classic word games. There will be prizes for all participants. For children in grades 3 and up. Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, 276 Titicus Rd., North Salem. 4 p.m. Free. Also Aug. 15. Info: 914-669-5161 or [www.ruthkeelerlibrary.org](http://www.ruthkeelerlibrary.org).

**"Ella Enchanted"** Book Discussion. Meet to discuss peer pressure and the importance of morals. For children eight to 12 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-864-0130.

**Summer Concerts in the Park.** The Town of Mount Pleasant will host the fifth of seven Thursday night concerts. Tonight, The Ricky Blues Band will be performing. Preceded by student opening acts. Carroll Park, James M. Carroll Park, 202 Kensico Rd., Thornwood. 7 p.m. Free. Info: Visit [www.mtpleasantny.com](http://www.mtpleasantny.com).

**Stories From the Past: Wolves and American Indians.** Join Darlene Kascak (Schaghticoke Tribal Nation), education coordinator at the Institute for American Indian Studies, for traditional Native American stories about animals. Hear history come alive from the oral traditions that have been passed down and preserved from one generation to the next. Come listen to the stories that were used to explain the great mysteries of life and teach life's lessons about love, leadership and honor as well as our connection to the earth. After the talk, guests will see ambassador wolves Zephyr, Alawa and Nikai and possibly the critically endangered red wolves and Mexican gray wolves. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Adults: \$16. Children (under 12): \$11. Pre-registration required.

Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

## Friday, Aug. 9

**"Ella Enchanted."** A screening of this 2004 fantasy romantic comedy film directed by Tommy O'Haver and written by Karen McCullah Lutz and Kirsten Smith. Loosely based on Gail Carson Levine's 1997 novel. Starring Anne Hathaway and Hugh Dancy. Light refreshments served. For children eight to 12 years old. Mount Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mount Kisco. 3 to 4:45 p.m. Free. Info: 914-666-8041 or [www.mountkisco.org](http://www.mountkisco.org).

**Ossining Food Truck Fridays & Concert Series: Elisa Pelmer and the Old Mill Singers.** Ossining continues its summer concert series with an evening of food trucks, craft beer, wine and cider and music. Louis Engel Waterfront Park, 25 Westerly Rd., Ossining Food trucks at 5 p.m. Music at 7 p.m. Free admission. Info: Visit [www.OssiningChamber.org](http://www.OssiningChamber.org).

**Teen Movie and Pizza.** "Captain Marvel" will be screened. For children 10 years old and up. Families welcome. Chappaqua Public Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Registration suggested. Info and registration: E-mail [cpaulsen@wlsmail.org](mailto:cpaulsen@wlsmail.org).

**Westchester Photographic Society: Shooting Movement.** Society member and co-publisher of Metro Sports magazine Clark Thompson will demonstrate how to capture moving subjects. All photographers, beginner to professional, are welcome. Must be 18 years old and up. Westchester Community College's Technology Building, Room 107, 75 Grasslands Rd., Valhalla. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 914-827-5333 or visit [www.wpsphoto.org](http://www.wpsphoto.org).

**"The Cure: Anniversary 1978-2018 Live in Hyde."** On Saturday July 7, 2018, legendary band The Cure took to the stage in London's Hyde Park to celebrate 40 years of playing live. Featuring performances of classic songs including, "Pictures of You," "Lovesong," "Friday I'm in Love," "Boys Don't Cry" and much more, Trafalgar Releasing are proud to capture this historic concert to cinemas worldwide. Not only is this concert a great celebration of The Cure's legacy, it's also a fabulous gateway for die-hard fans in the making. Part of the Sounds of Summer: Music Films Old and New series. Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville. 9:30 p.m. Members: \$10. Non-members: \$15. Info and tickets: Visit [www.burnsfilmcenter.org](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org).

## Saturday, Aug. 10

**Pleasantville Farmers Market.** Experience the largest, year-round farmers market in Westchester, voted "Best of Westchester" six years in a row from 2014 to 2019, with over 50 vendors and eight nearby parking lots. This week, Tinkergarten, which provides high quality childhood learning in the outdoors, will be on hand. Families connect with trained leaders for play-based kid classes that help develop core life skills. Join them

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# Happenings

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and make a mud pie for the forest fairies, dig for worms help the rock animals prepare for fall. Also, the music series will feature Bud & Elaine, who bring a local flavor while playing the hits of the last 200 years including standards, oldies, country, Irish music, kids' songs and their own songs about love and other things. Memorial Plaza, Pleasantville. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine. Please note the market is a dog-free environment. Saturdays through Nov. 16. Info: Visit [www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.pleasantvillefarmersmarket.org).

**Alla Prima: Oil Painting in One Session.** Alla prima painting – also known as direct painting – is a technique in which layers of wet paint are applied to previously administered layers of wet paint. The paintings are generally completed in one session. This workshop will introduce workshop participants to alla prima techniques and will finish a work on canvas before you leave for the day. No prior art training is required; all levels welcome. Led by Jill Kiefer. (The instructor will have some resources, but feel free to bring an outline version and color version of something you really want to paint.) For participants 15 years old and up. Pelham Art Center 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 1 to 4 p.m. Members: \$59. Non-members: \$66. (Plus, a \$20 material fee.) Registration required. Info and registration: Visit [www.pelhamartcenter.org](http://www.pelhamartcenter.org).

**Havdalah Under the Sun.** The Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism presents this meet-and-greet for

non-traditional like-minded Jews who enjoy celebrating their Jewish culture, history and connections without a reference to a deity. Includes lively questioning, discussion, social interaction and good refreshments. Led by Rabbi Frank Tamburello. Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave., White Plains. 4:30 p.m. Free (donations welcome). Info: Contact Dmitry at 914-713-8828 or visit [www.wchj.com](http://www.wchj.com).

**Open Mic at the Café.** Come and perform in the intimate setting of the library cafe. If you're better at spotting talent in others, then just sit back while others show off their vocal stylings, comedic timing, instrumentation, poetic creations and/or dramatic interpretations. Performances will be limited to five minutes. Snacks and tea provided. No auditions necessary. All ages welcome. North Castle Public Library, 19 Whipoorwill Rd. East, Armonk. 4 to 5 p.m. Free. Registration required. Info and registration: 914-273-3887, then press 3.

**Block Party: Peter and the Four26.** Featuring the music of Peter Carucci and Becki Fleischer, owners of Four26 Studios. The fifth of seven Katonah Museum of Art concerts. Includes complementary soft drinks, craft beer, wine and specialty cocktails along with light refreshments. Rain or shine. Katonah Museum of Art, 134 Jay St., Katonah. 6 to 8 p.m. Members: \$20. Non-members: \$25. Children (under 18): Free. Info and tickets: Visit [www.katonahmuseum.org](http://www.katonahmuseum.org).

**Lucy's Laugh Lounge: Shauna**

**Lane.** Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$20. Info and tickets: Visit [www.lucyslaughlounge.com](http://www.lucyslaughlounge.com).

**Art Garfunkel in Concert.** Blessed with what The New York Times described as a "beautiful countertenor," Garfunkel has made an indelible mark on the music world as both a solo artist and half of the unrivaled Simon & Garfunkel. He has also enjoyed a successful film career, published a book of poetry and released 12 solo albums, the most recent being "Some Enchanted Evening" in 2007. In late 2017, he released his autobiography, "What Is It All But Luminous: Notes From an Underground Man." Since then he's been busy as a husband and father to his two sons, James and Beau Daniel. Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown. 8 p.m. \$48, \$58, \$68, \$78 and \$88. Info and tickets: Visit [www.tarrytownmusichall.org](http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org).

## Sunday, Aug. 11

**Coffee with Wolves.** Enjoy your morning coffee with the wolves. Visitors are encouraged to bring their newspapers and spend a relaxing morning with the ambassador and red wolves. We'll provide the coffee and the wolves. The wolves can be very active in the early morning so visitors should remain quiet and subdued, as this is a peaceful, private moment for all involved. Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem. 9 a.m. \$12. Pre-registration required. Info and pre-registration: Visit [www.nywolf.org](http://www.nywolf.org).

**Chamber Music Concert.** Chamber music performed by Andrew Pak, Annaliesa Place and Diego Garcia. They will perform chamber and solo pieces by Brahms, Grieg, Piazzolla and Chopin for the community. Pelham Art Center, 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 2 to 4 p.m. Suggested donation: \$10. Info: 914-738-2525 or [www.pelhamartcenter.org](http://www.pelhamartcenter.org).

**Salsa Social.** Come and learn how to Salsa. A fun and exciting workout. Singles or couples; no partner necessary. Josie's School of Dance, 42 Memorial Plaza, Level B, Pleasantville. 5 to 9 p.m. Intro lesson at 4:30 p.m. \$10 admission. Dinner: \$6. Second Sunday of every month. Info: 914-332-8670.

Live at Lucy's Sunday Night Series: Popa Chubby. Featuring this American rock/electric blues singer, composer and guitarist. Building on Lucy's Lounge's long-standing reputation for fostering local talent, this series will showcase national touring acts in an intimate setting unlike any in the area. Lucy's Lounge, 446 Bedford Rd., Pleasantville. 7 p.m. \$30 to \$51. Info and tickets: Visit Lucy's Lounge on Facebook.

## Monday, Aug. 12

**Morning Bird Walk.** Go birding with the Saw Mill River Audubon. Beginners welcome. Rain or shine. Rockefeller State Park Preserve, 125 Phelps Way (Route 117), Pleasantville. 7:30 a.m. Free. Meets the second Monday of each month. Info: Visit [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org).

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY  
In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law, Chapter 602, Laws of 1993 by THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE in the Year 2016 (for taxes levied in 2015)  
**PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**  
Index No. 3048/2016

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule "A" of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

**Effect of filing:** All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the captioned above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

**Nature of proceeding:** This proceeding

is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

**Persons affected:** This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

**Right of redemption:** Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Village of Pleasantville, Tax Office, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to

have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

**Last day of redemption:** The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the **27th day of September, 2019.**

**Service of answer:** Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

**Failure to Redeem or answer:** In the event of a failure to redeem or answer

## Legal Notice

by any person having a right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken in default.

Dated: June 17, 2019  
Enforcing Officer:  
MARY SCHWARTZ,  
Village Treasurer

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**PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SCHEDULE "A"**  
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LIEN NO.	OWNER OF RECORD	ASSESSED TO (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER OF RECORD)	SECTION /BLOCK/LOT	LOCATION	AMOUNT DUE*
2016015	Tome, Agostinho Tome, Angie a/k/a Tome, Maria Angelina	Tome, Agostinho	106.8-1-34	60 Ridgeview Drive	\$4,473.44
2016033	Marino, Franco Marino, Anna	Marino, Franco	99.18-4-33	11 Academy Street	\$5,687.28

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# It's a New Brave New World in American Wine Regions



By Nick Antonaccio

A number of Western European countries have centuries-old thriving wine industries, established many years before the United States was a glimmer in the eye of the Founding Fathers. The United

States is a latecomer to the cultivation and production of wine. It has only been since the 1960s that the negative effects of Prohibition were overcome and a burgeoning wine industry began to gain a worldwide reputation.

Today, United States winemakers are challenging the Western European wine establishment to rethink centuries-old rules and regulations concerning the demographics of where grape varieties are planted. Not only is the United States a mosaic of many cultures and ethnicities, but it is also becoming a mosaic of wines rivaling the traditional sources of specific grape varieties long regulated and held in high regard in Western Europe.

There are several components of this evolution (revolution) of winemaking in the

*“becoming a mosaic of wines rivaling Western Europe”*

United States.

Let's focus on two of these.

- 1. The effects of terroir** — Many of the international grape varietals grounded in Western Europe are now grown in many other wine regions. The terroir of Burgundy is unique, producing an expression of Pinot Noir that is similarly unique in style, aroma and taste. I have noticed that Pinot Noir is gaining popularity here in the New York area. Typically, the standby region for Americans is central California. When questioned by friends or readers for an alternative to these wines, my typical suggestion is to continue consuming Pinot Noir – but from different American regions and terroirs, not necessarily from Burgundy. The terroir in the United States varies greatly and Pinot Noir from each region may differ significantly. A side-by-side experiment with American Pinots can be very revealing. Northern and Southern

California Pinots reflect their unique terroir; likewise those from Oregon, New York and other states along the Eastern Seaboard. Styles vary from light and simple to fruit-forward and lush to complex and well balanced.

- 2. Regulation** — The regulatory systems in most Western European nations dictate which grape varieties may be planted in each designated wine region. Regulatory agencies in each country further dictate the winemaking practices required to earn a particular classification. In most countries there is a hierarchy established of which wines may bear the location designation. In Italy, to be designated Chianti Classico, a wine produced in that demarcated area must conform to specific criteria established and monitored by a government agency. If adhered to, the wines may carry this designation on the label.

But not in the United States. While there are very broad regulations to inform consumers of the core grape variety that may be displayed on a bottle, the regulations generally end there. Winemakers in any state or geographic area may grow whichever grape or blend of grapes they decide. As noted above, in Europe the regulators dictate which grapes may be grown in Burgundy or Sancerre or Barolo in order to bear the name of that region on

a bottle. In many of these wine regions, certain grapes or blends are not permitted. If produced, these wines typically must carry the equivalent wording of a base, or table, wine.

With the open approach in the United States to wine cultivation and production, there are many blended wines not available anywhere else in the world. I recently sampled an extreme example of this: a wine that was a blend of Zinfandel and Tempranillo, cultivated and produced in the Hill Country of Texas. This was a multiple first for me: these two grapes grown in Texas and blended together. I enjoyed the wine immensely, but may never encounter it again anywhere else in the United States, or the wine world.

Next week, we'll embark on a virtual tour of several American wineries producing wines from grapes not historically grown in the United States.

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**PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**  
Index No. 3313/2015

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule "A" of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

**Effect of filing:** All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the captioned above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

**Nature of proceeding:** This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

**Persons affected:** This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

**Right of redemption:** Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Village of Pleasantville, Tax Office, 80 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, New York 10570. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than

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**Service of answer:** Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

**Failure to Redeem or answer:** In the

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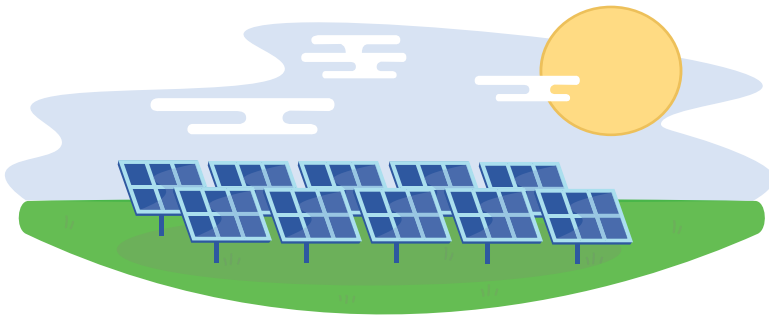
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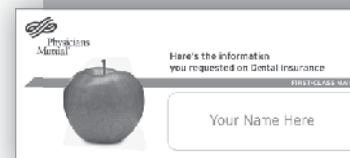
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## Liberty's Struggles Continue With a Loss to Connecticut

By Andy Jacobs

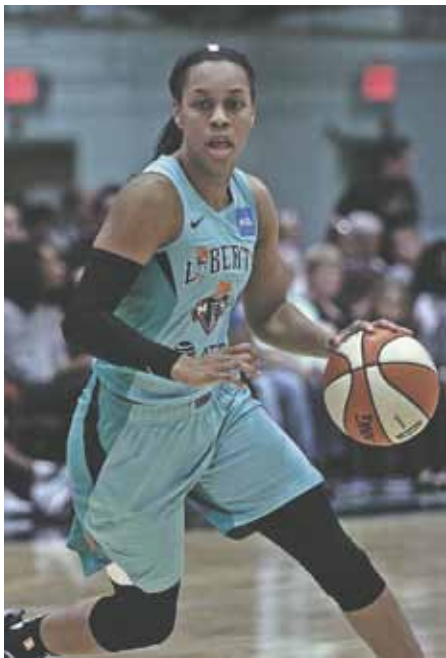
With just over a month left in the WNBA's regular season, the New York Liberty currently find themselves on the outside looking in among teams battling for a playoff berth.

On Sunday afternoon at the Westchester County Center, the Liberty took another step in the wrong direction with a 94-79 loss to the Connecticut Sun. Despite 20 points and 10 rebounds from Tina Charles, New York, now 8-13 this year, suffered its sixth defeat in the last seven games.

A 3-pointer by Shekinna Stricklen 35 seconds into the game opened the day's scoring and gave the Sun a lead it never lost. Connecticut, 16-6 and in possession of the best record in the league, opened up a 16-point cushion late in the first quarter and cruised to its seventh consecutive victory. Guard Courtney Williams made 12 of 18 shots from the field and finished with a game-high 28 points.

"We just have to make her life harder," said disappointed Liberty head coach Katie Smith after watching the offensive exploits of Williams. "She kind of had her way with whoever we had guarding her."

The Liberty, just 1 of 12 from beyond the 3-point arc in the opening half, went on an 8-0 run capped by the lone trey, by Bria Hartley, to close within 37-28 midway through the second quarter. A basket by Charles with 4:30 left in the half narrowed the deficit to just 39-32. But that was as close as the Liberty would get the rest of the way as Williams scored nine points in a



Liberty rookie guard Asia Durr dribbles near the top of the key.



Liberty guard Bria Hartley leads a fast break in the second quarter of Sunday afternoon's game at the County Center.



Marine Johannés of the New York Liberty dribbles across the top of the key during Sunday's loss to the first-place Connecticut Sun.

game, 77-57, after two free throws by Bria Holmes. Baskets by Zahui B and Charles enabled the Liberty to twice trim the deficit to 11 points, but Connecticut's Holmes connected on a pair of 3-pointers later in the final period to all but seal the outcome.

"You can't give up 37 points off 17 turnovers," said Smith afterwards about what most doomed her team. "Cannot turn the ball over. We probably lead the league in opponents' points off turnovers. You have to handle the ball, and if we don't handle the basketball we're basically spotting people almost 25 points a game. In this league, you're not gonna win."

14-6 burst by Connecticut to finish the half.

Nearly three minutes into the third quarter, a 3-point shot from Amanda Zahui B, who scored 16 points in her 23 foul-plagued minutes, brought the Liberty to within 57-48. But by the end of the quarter, despite a buzzer-beating layup by New York's Nayo Raincock-Ekunwe, the Sun lead was back up to 14 points.

Connecticut built its largest lead of the



Rebecca Allen of the Liberty scores an inside basket in the second half vs. the visiting Sun.



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New York Liberty guard Brittany Boyd shoots the ball from just left of the lane.



Amanda Zahui B shoots the ball in the second half vs. the visiting Connecticut Sun.



New York's Nayo Raincock-Ekunwe drives into the lane for a bucket in the 94-79 loss on Sunday.

Liberty forward Reshanda Gray fires a jump shot in the second quarter of Sunday's WNBA game.





Renegades starter Evan McKendry fires a pitch to the plate against the visiting West Virginia Black Bears.



The Renegades' Nick Sogard is safe at second with a stolen base in the bottom of the third inning during Saturday's game at Dutchess Stadium.



Hudson Valley second baseman Christian Pedroza sends a pitch toward left field vs. visiting West Virginia.

## *focus on* **NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE** **Renegades vs. West Virginia** **Dutchess Stadium** **Saturday, August 3, 2019**



Hudson Valley shortstop Ben Troike tracks a pop fly in the 5-4 loss to the Black Bears.



Hudson Valley outfielder Beau Brundage swings the bat in the fifth inning of Saturday's game.



The Renegades' Jordyn Muffley grounds out to third base in the bottom of the fourth inning.



Ben Troike runs to third base during the Renegades' three-run second inning vs. West Virginia.



Hill Alexander runs the bases in the Hudson Valley Renegades' 5-4 home loss to West Virginia on Saturday evening.



West Virginia's Matthew Fraizer beats out a bunt single in the fourth inning as Renegades first baseman Mason Mallard fields the late throw.



Renegades manager Blake Butera saw his team win two of three games from West Virginia this weekend, improving to 28-19 this season.



Designated hitter Pedro Diaz of the Renegades takes a mighty swing vs. West Virginia. He finished with two hits.





Lindsey Grotta of Byram Hills tries to run past Greeley's Grace Arrese during the 13-12 Bobcat road win in early May.



Byram Hills' Grace Scavone sets her sights on the back of the net during a Bobcat home game.



Briarcliff's Ashley Goldstein is chased by Valhalla's Jenna Mussuto as she takes the ball up the left sideline.



Reilly Byrne of Pleasantville tries to dodge her way to the front of the cage during a home game against Bronxville.

# GIRLS' LACROSSE

## 2019

### *A Look Back*



Sophia Falkenberg of Westlake tries to run past Briarcliff's Julia Dalessandro during a game on the Bears' turf in late April.



Valhalla's Shelby Sekinski is about to receive a pass near midfield in the Vikings' road game against Briarcliff.



Briarcliff's Julia Dalessandro runs with the ball past midfield in the Bears' 17-5 home win over Harrison.



Shannon Brosnan of Valhalla starts to accelerate in the rain as she's met by Briarcliff's Ashley Goldstein.



Fox Lane's Natalie Bazyk is chased by Briarcliff goalie Charlotte Baer in a game won by the host Foxes.



Nicole Castaldo of Fox Lane scampers across the field with the ball during a home game vs. Suffern.



Greeley's Hailey Rosenthal races up the right sideline with the ball in a game at Tappan Zee.





Pleasantville's Jenna McAllister attacks the cage in the Panthers' easy win over Wappingers.



Pleasantville's Grace Hammond is intent on finding her way to the front of the goal in an early-season road game.



Valhalla's Lauren Ally moves the ball past Samantha Kilman of Briarcliff.



Kallie Hoffman of Byram Hills heads toward the cage in her five-goal output against visiting White Plains.



Westlake's Gianna Eglauf passes the ball during a Wildcat home game.



Westlake's Emily Sardo starts a length-of-the-field run with the ball in a home game against the North Salem Tigers just before scoring her 200th career goal.



Casey Wachtel of Horace Greeley searches for open teammates as she controls the ball behind the cage.



Kelly O'Donnell of Briarcliff makes her move to the cage on a free-position opportunity early in the season.



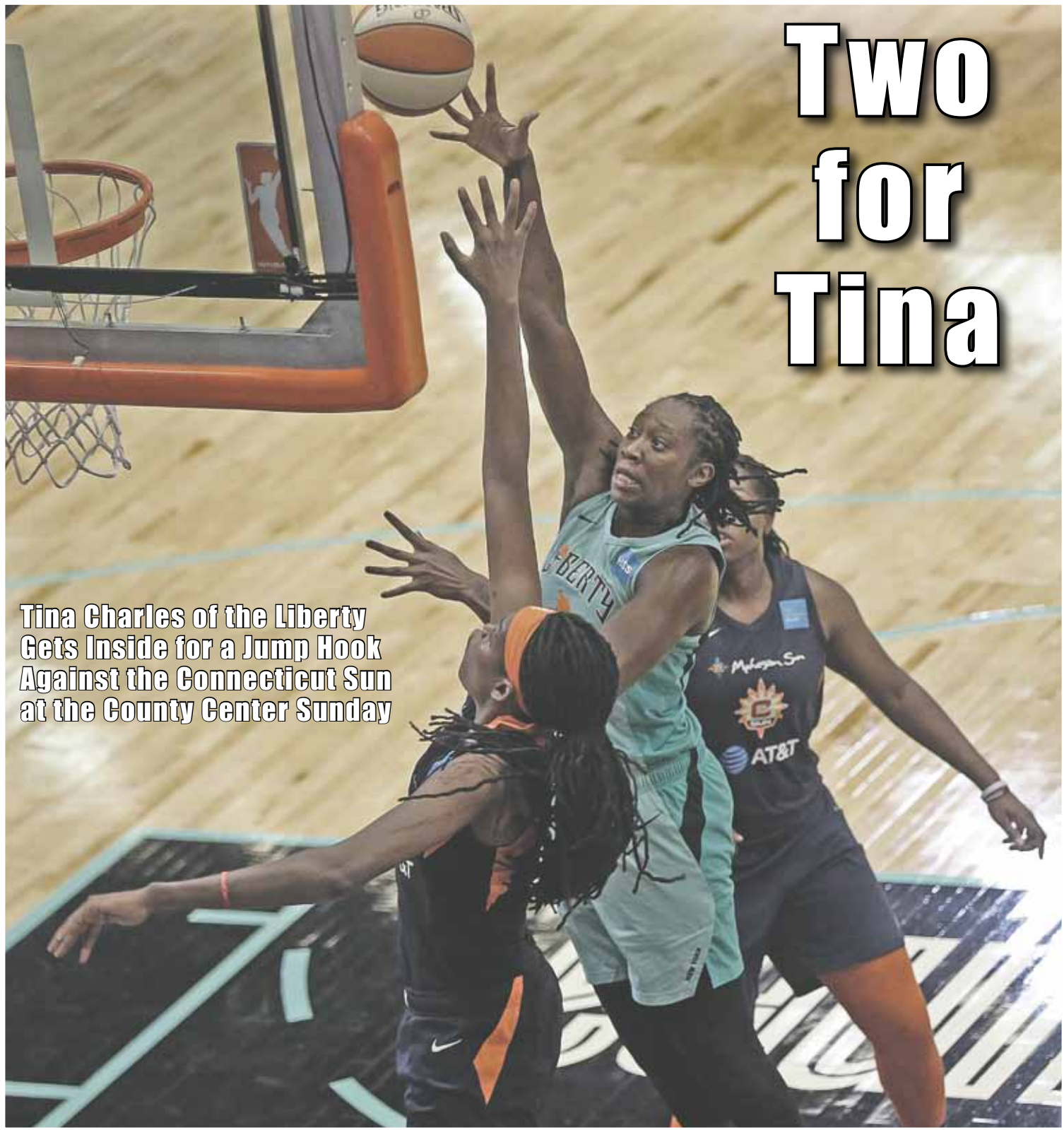
Horace Greeley's Lily Ives turns toward the middle of the field as she attempts to elude Lindsey Grotta of Byram Hills.



Fox Lane goalie Maeve Luparello gets set to clear the ball after making a save.



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