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Water Contamination Fear in North Castle Remains a Concern

By Bailey Hosfelt

The Town of North Castle's storage of asphalt millings derived from its road repaving program, which are being stored at the Middle Patent Road highway yard, continued to be a topic of concern at the North Castle Town Board meeting on Sept. 9.

The storage of millings has reignited controversy in recent weeks, as two town residents have suggested that the practice could contaminate water sources near where the millings are stored.

Windmill Farm resident Robert Greene, a former town Planning Board chairman, previously argued that the storage of potentially toxic millings stored at Middle Patent could threaten the nearby Windmill development with around 370 houses, as

well as Coman Hill Elementary School. Greene's argument is nearly identical to concerns local developer Michael Fareri has been making for about four years, following the onset of North Castle's aggressive paving program to rehabilitate all 93 miles of town road.

During the public comment portion of the Sept. 9 Town Board meeting, Matt Milim, a resident of Armonk since 2013, expressed his concerns about how the town handled the millings issue in recent weeks. Milim said a number of residents have expressed concern dating back to at least 2015 about the environmental impact of storing the material so close to the community's water supply.

"There are several sources that indicate that millings can be harmful to human

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Airport Campus Armonk Development Draws Criticism

By Abby Luby and Bailey Hosfelt

Higher taxes, increased school enrollment, and an expanded police force were among the many scrutinizing comments made by North Castle Town Board members on the proposed housing and hotel plan at 113 King Street in Armonk.

Airport Campus, the applicant to develop the property, purchased the 38-acre former MBIA property in 2015 for \$23 million. They submitted their Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") to the town in Oct. 2020. The hefty 400-page DEIS presents a myriad of projected impacts 170 housing units, a 125-room hotel and about 100,000 square feet of existing office space would have on the town.

The public hearing for the project last Thursday heard comments by town board members and two local residents. Another public hearing on the Airport Campus proposal is slated to held at the next town board meeting on Sept. 22.

Representing Airport Campus and responding to comments was the applicant's attorney Anthony Veneziano.

Since the proposed project is in the Byram Hills School District, Councilman José Berra responded to a July 2021 letter from Byram Hills School District Superintendent Jen Lamia. Lamia's primary concern was the project's projected school enrollment of an additional 27 school-aged children, a cost to be offset by about \$291,870 in new tax

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Messages of Hope, Unity at Solemn 20th Anniversary 9/11 Ceremonies



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

By Martin Wilbur

Local communities commemorated the 20th anniversary of September 11 last Saturday, a day that was filled with emotions and grief that for many was almost as fresh as it was two decades earlier.

On a bright sunny day that evoked memories of Sept. 11, 2001, there were calls to never forget those who were lost and to emulate those who put their communities and people they didn't even know ahead of themselves. Hope was also expressed that the country can unite once again for the common good.

"Listen to their stories on that day and every day that followed," said Mount Kisco Mayor Gina Picinich during her village's ceremony in which she recounted how her husband escaped the World Trade Center's north tower several moments before its collapse. "You'll hear about service, you'll hear about sacrifice, you'll hear about family and love of country and love of community, and you'll hear stories of tremendous, tremendous resilience. Share your stories and listen to others so that we keep the promise to never forget."

At Westchester County's annual 9/11 ceremony at Kensico Dam Plaza, the names of all 123 Westchester residents killed that day were read, people who have been remembered by their inclusion on

the county's memorial The Rising. There was also the recitation of first responders who have passed in the 20 years since then from illnesses due to working at Ground Zero, which is now part of a separate memorial.

County Executive George Latimer wondered what was going through the minds of those who were trapped on the upper floors of the twin towers along with the first responders who raced into the burning buildings to save lives.

"So on that wall as well as in that ring around that statue are people who died before their time, before the natural span on life should have been enjoyed," he said. "They weren't there to see a grandchild, they weren't there to go to another Super Bowl party. They weren't there to see a child graduate or to celebrate a 30th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversary. They gave up their lives for us."

At New Castle's ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial at Gedney Park, Michael Wolfensohn, the chairman of the town's 20th Anniversary Memorial Committee, recalled how the community came together when one of his neighbors, Louis Inghilterra, who worked at the World Trade Center, hadn't been heard from following the attacks.

Everyone on his street came up with

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health when they leach into drinking water supplies," Milim said. "The millings pile at the Middle Patent yard is within 100 feet of the Mianus River and 1,000 yards of the water wells that supplies the Windmill community and the Coman Hill Elementary School."

Milim raised questions about emails Michael Schiliro, Supervisor of the North Castle Town Board, wrote in response to Greene's recent attempts to get the town

to remove the millings storage.

In the emails Schiliro wrote, Milim said the millings storage was characterized as temporary and being stockpiled due to the time of the year. Milim argued that many years of millings storage is not temporary.

Milim also raised concerns in regard to oversight by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the agency that oversees the millings issue.

"It seems to be that the DEC is only stating that they're okay with beneficial

use determination, which means recycling of the millings, not whether it's okay to store them for six years right next to a river and water well system," Milim said.

Milim said that NYSDEC Spokesperson Wendy Rosenbach publicly said that the beneficial use determination does not include guidelines for storage and that the NYSDEC discourages storage near water.

Additionally, Milim spoke about water testing. While it's great that the town is regularly testing its water to ensure that the water does not exceed the level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water, Milim said, these tests are backward-looking.

"We need to be forward-looking when making these decisions and avoiding taking these kinds of risks in the first place," Milim said. "If you wait until you have a scary water test, it's too late."

"I feel strongly that the town needs to be much more careful going forward in protecting our environment, and particularly in protecting our drinking

water," Milim said. "Risking our drinking water to save what is a relatively small amount of money in the scheme of what we pay in taxes in our annual budget is just a bad risk-reward."

With him, Milim brought a blown-up image of standing water at the millings pile at Middle Patent, taken following Hurricane Ida, and expressed concerns that there was an oil or chemical sheen visible on top of the water.

North Castle Town Administrator Kevin Hay assured Milim that the sheen was not oil or chemicals but rather iron algae, which was also observed by Hay and the building inspector when they went to the storage site on Sept. 7.

"The building inspector instantly recognized it was what they call iron algae, which is a normal natural biological reaction between the irons that are in the soil and water."

Following Milim's public comment, Schiliro said he would respond to Milim's concerns over email.

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revenue.

Berra said the projected enrollment figures may not be accurate and he requested a new analysis. "There could be a lot more students coming out of this, you can have more kids of a certain age group and you could be hiring extra teachers. There could be other costs related to it," he said.

Berra did acknowledge his support for the project and thought it was in a good location, but he was concerned with the density and the height of the five-story multifamily building at 78 feet.

Holding the floor for a good 20 minutes was Councilperson Barbara DiGiacinto,

who read from a copious list of comments and requests. She reiterated Lamia's concerns that the applicant used enrollment case studies from schools in lower Westchester County.

"These districts are not similar to the Byram Hills School District," DiGiacinto said. "The data is from 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019. We need complete enrollment data from September 2015 up to and including to September 2021 from school districts that are similar."

DiGiacinto said lessening the impacts on the school district would be single story houses for independent living seniors set on a single parcel. "That would have zero impact on our schools," she said. "We don't have anything like that in our area for seniors who today are very young for their age."

A senior living zone would include swimming pools, yoga studios and putting greens. DiGiacinto also wanted the applicant to include a sports complex 'unlike any in the region.'

"It would include an indoor ice rink, indoor pool, indoor and outdoor fields and tennis courts. Parents understand that sports as a very important part of life to their children," she said.

More residents could mean more local police and firefighters. Councilman Barry Reiter suggested inviting the North Castle chief of police to comment on a projected need for the proposed development.

"I also spoke to the fire department," Reiter said. "They have some concerns. Volunteers are absolutely impossible to get now. In fact, we are losing some."

Councilman Saleem Hussain asked for a new market assessment projecting the demand for multi-family homes and hotels. "I expect it to be very different

now," said Hussain. "I'd like to see current information, to see what's relevant for the town today."

Hussain also addressed the plan for trees on the property. "For the trees that have been there longer, it would be good to understand what it would take for you to protect those trees."

The plan is to remove 368 trees from a total of 799 existing trees and plant approximately 451 new trees (deciduous and evergreen). The town conservation board is expected to weigh in on the issue.

Town Supervisor Michael Schiliro said his overall concerns had already been addressed but wanted to know the impacts on neighboring properties and how more residents might impact additional first responders and add to town expenses.

Public comments were made by Armonk residents Ed Woodyard and Matthew Milim. Woodyard agreed with DiGiacinto on rethinking the residential part of the plan to consider a sports facility. "We're a great, terrific town. Having more people, more buildings and more problems does not make the town greater," Woodyard said.

Woodyard also commented on higher school enrollment. "Jen Lami's letter shook me to the quick," Woodyard said. "Think about the [current] traffic going to the schools—it's unbelievable in morning and afternoons. With more kids coming in I can see another school bond being floated and that's going to drive people out of here."

Milim said he was concerned with the impact on the town budget and on the quality of life. "The idea of a recreation facility and has been the hope of a number of us in town and what we have been pushing for years."

Veneziano credited the board's diligence in examining the details of the plan and said issues raised would be looked into. But he expressed some frustration with how slow the process was moving.

"We've got to move this forward. We need to come to some commonality here as to what can work. You are piece by piece ripping at this site and if you add it all together, we're going to be pinned down to the ground."

Veneziano said he and the development team will come back with some answers on Sept. 22. "And we will hear the rest of the comments."

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a plan to support Inghilterra, one of five town residents to die that day, and his family.

Fighting back tears, Wolfensohn recalled his friend and that when it came time to discuss a town memorial, the message needed to be of hope and community. While the tragedy was overwhelming, September 11 also represented a time when people helped others they didn't know or simply gave them a hug, he said.

"Please carry that spirit of community every day, not just today," Wolfensohn said.

Veteran New York City firefighter Thor Johannessen of Mount Kisco said September 11 motivated him to join the National Guard reserves at age 34, who at

that time was twice the age of some of the young men and women joining.

Rescue 1 in Manhattan, where he had worked, lost 11 of its 27 firefighters and officers, and Johannessen knew 98 people who died in the attacks.

Today, 65 FDNY members are children of firefighters who died on Sept. 11, 2001, who will carry on the tradition of service and community.

"They did not lose their lives that day, they gave their lives, and now their children and so many others have stepped up to continue to live lives of service and sacrifice," Johannessen said. "People who live lives of service to our community and our country. Put your faith in these kids today, believe in them."

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Active COVID Cases, Hospitalizations Still Down in Westchester

By Bailey Hosfelt

Active COVID-19 cases in Westchester County are down by about 400 from where they were in the previous two weeks, but it is still too soon to determine whether this reduction from the summer surge is a trend.

During the past week, active cases in Westchester fell from 2,602 to 2,380. This continues a decrease in active cases, which were at 2,797 two weeks ago.

Although the Delta variant has made its presence known in Westchester with greater communicability of the disease and, in some cases, reinfection for those who previously had COVID-19 or breakthrough cases of people who are vaccinated, Westchester County Executive George Latimer said Monday the high level of vaccination has helped the situation in the region.

"We have noticed, and very favorably so, that the amount of hospitalizations and the number of fatalities have been much, much less during this reignition due to the Delta variant, primarily because of the level of vaccination here in Westchester County," Latimer said.

So far, 638,779 Westchester residents have completed the vaccination series, meaning two shots of Pfizer or Moderna or one shot of Johnson & Johnson, Latimer said, and 700,012 individuals have had at least the first shot of the vaccination.

Latimer said around 20 to 25 percent of Westchester County's 1.4 million population are under the age of 12, making them ineligible for the vaccine at this time.

"We're pleased to note that well over 85 percent of our adult population 18 years of age and older have been vaccinated," Latimer said.

That number exceeds neighboring counties in New York and significantly exceeds national numbers, which are lagging under 50 percent in some jurisdictions.

"We are confident that we are more resistant to the disease here in Westchester County, at least from a residential standpoint, because of those vaccination totals," Latimer said.

Latimer also noted that the county is seeing more vaccinations now than earlier in the summer, a positive indication that more residents are choosing to protect themselves against the Delta variant.

Despite a decrease in active cases, there are still hospitalizations in Westchester.

Currently, the county has 106 people who were hospitalized for COVID-19 over the past week. That number has come up from its low in June when hospitalizations were around the single digits.

Fatalities have also grown slightly during the past week. In the past week, seven Westchester residents have died from COVID-19, following six fatalities the week before. This is an increase from previous weeks where the county had no fatalities.

Latimer said that, with a hospital room inventory of 2,600 to 2,700 beds, Westchester County is nowhere near saturating the capacity of its health system.

"The health figure that matters in all of this is the number of fatalities," Latimer said. "The lower we can keep the fatalities,

that is the indication of success."

Despite a decrease in active COVID-19 cases, Latimer said it is too soon to indicate a trend. The county has seen a flattening of numbers over the past few weeks. However, Latimer said the county wants to see a trend of four to seven weeks first.

With students back in classrooms and a resurgence of cooler weather ahead, Latimer said, those will both be factors that could impact COVID-19 cases throughout Westchester.

"If the numbers continue to drop, we will view that as a very positive sign," Latimer



said.

Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins encouraged residents who have not yet been vaccinated and are eligible to get their

shot.

"Ninety percent of the people that are either in the hospital or unfortunately passing away are unvaccinated," Jenkins said.

Westchester is continuing to hold walk-in and pop-up vaccination clinics throughout the county and is ready to help administer vaccinations to the under 12 population, as well as booster shots, as soon as they are each authorized by the federal government.

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Grant Theater Formally Dedicated at Fox Lane Middle School

By Abby Luby

The newly renovated theater at the Fox Lane Middle School was dedicated last week to Suzanne Grant, a former six-year Bedford Central School Board trustee and a passionate community volunteer who died prematurely in 2019. She was also the co-proprietor of PORCH Home + Gifts, a retail store in Mount Kisco.

Last Thursday night the second-floor theater at the middle school honored Grant with a ceremonial ribbon cutting followed by live performances. At the ribbon cutting was Grant's husband, David Grant and his two children Dylan, 22, and Samantha, 25, both alumni of Fox Lane High School. Dylan is a graduate of Tufts and Samantha is a teacher in New York City.

David Grant, said his wife was a supporter of the performing arts. "The School Board named the theater in honor of Suzanne's passing," he said. "This theater is the 'front door of the school district,' an important space for kids, teachers and the community."

The 200-seat theater has been fully upgraded from a dated, brick walled space with old risers to a formal auditorium replete with theater-style retractable seats on a motorized platform to allow for flexible floor space and seating, new acoustic-enhancing sound panels, a completely refurbished floor and a new grand piano.

About 100 people attended the dedication which was also broadcast on the district's website. Grant, who is President of The



ABBY LUBY PHOTO

Bedford Central School Board President John Boucher, former Fox Lane Middle School principal Sue Ostrofsky, Dave Grant, Samantha Grant, Dylan Grant, BCSD Superintendent Joel Adelberg, and Mary Harrison, FLMS Principal.

Suzanne Grant Foundation, told the audience, "We wanted to remind everyone that walked into this space that Suzanne lived her life representing certain values — caring, inclusion, kindness, integrity, honesty and grace. It's our hope that these values bounce off of these seats, ricochet off of these new walls and reflect off of these

new floors and into the soul of everyone that walks into this room."

Matt Vanacoro, Coordinator of the Performing Arts for the school district, took the role of MC and accompanied many of the performers on piano. The 21 performers played a variety of rock, jazz and classical music and were students, student alumni,

current and former music teachers. Among the performers were the high school's string quartet, elementary school music teacher and clarinetist Bryan Filetto playing jazz and a vocal trio with alumni Samantha Grant, Casey Crowell and Linsey Ruzza who sang the last song they performed in the district as students.

Bedford Central School Board President John Boucher thanked the audience for making the event happen. "One of the first families we met when we moved here was the Grant family. You couldn't buy better neighbors." Boucher shared his story of how Suzanne convinced him to run for the board of education. "Suzanne inspired me to give a little bit back."

In his address BCSD Superintendent Joel Adelberg said, "I just can't tell you how touched I am to be here. I look around this room and see so many faces of so many community members who represent to me the heart, the soul, the passion, the potential and power of the Bedford Central School District. There would be nobody who would bring together this group more than Suzanne."

Grant explained that the space was remodeled to be used by all ages. "This space is important to every kid taking part in science fairs, read-a-thons, art shows, concerts, guest speaker presentations, student meetings, enrichment seminars. Also, it's great that students and teachers from five different elementary schools can use this theater."

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County Pays Tribute to Late 9/11 Responders with New Memorial

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County unveiled its 9/11 First Responders Memorial on the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks to honor those who have died from illnesses related to their recovery efforts at Ground Zero.

After three years of planning, the newest memorial at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, two gray stones headlined with the words---courage, honor, humility and sacrifice---was introduced. It is located in the shadow of the county's 9/11 memorial The Rising at Kensico Dam Plaza.

There are 41 names of Westchester residents that comprise the first set of responders who have died from illnesses linked to their worked cleaning up the debris at the World Trade Center site from Sept. 11, 2001, until the task was completed on May 30, 2002.

Matthew McCauley, a retired New York City police officer and co-chair of the Memorial Committee with NYPD Sgt. Peter Woods, said they wanted a memorial that was simple, understated and represented the first responders who not only gave their lives 20 years ago, but who risked their lives in the aftermath of the attacks. Woods died earlier this year and is the first name listed on the memorial.

"When Peter and I worked together, he always said the same thing and we had the same conversations - we have to get this right," McCauley said during the county's annual 9/11 ceremony. "It's about the families and we may be up there someday. It wasn't about Peter; it's not about me. It's

about the families."

Many of the names on the memorial were firefighters, not just for the FDNY, but from paid and volunteer departments across Westchester, as well as New York City police officers and several Westchester officers. Also on the list are two construction workers.

County Executive George Latimer, who announced the plans for the memorial at the county's 9/11 ceremonies in 2018, said the firefighters and police officers who raced into the burning towers that would collapse shortly after they were struck by two of the hijacked airplanes was extraordinary. But the same must be said of those who worked at Ground Zero in the months following the attacks.

"There are other men and women, who after that incident, responded to their duty and did it voluntarily day and night on that pile," Latimer said. "The exposed themselves to chemicals that they did not know was in it. In fairness, they weren't told. They'd come home at night to their spouses and their families having done their job as Americans and putting their life in jeopardy."

A study published in 2019 that tracked World Trade Center responders found a sharply higher rate of cancer, particularly for prostate, thyroid and blood cancers. The illnesses can take years and sometimes decades to develop.

Members of police and fire departments and ambulance corps throughout the county helped illuminate the Eternal Light, which will shine over the memorial around the clock as a testament to the sacrifice exhibited



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

The wife and children of NYPD Sgt. Peter Woods gaze at the new memorial containing the names of 41 9/11 responders who have died after working at Ground Zero. More names are expected to be added in the years ahead.

by those who are honored.

McCauley said there is room for additional names and additional walls to be erected in the coming years. By next year's September 11 ceremony, he expects the number of names to double, and it may even reach 100 as more families step forward after learning of the memorial and others succumb to illnesses.

In fact, 9/11 has taken more first

responders since the attacks 20 years ago than the number of people who died on Sept. 11, 2001, McCauley said.

"This is the first year we had it and we're still catching up," he said.

Last Friday, the day before the 9/11 ceremony, family members of the 41 responders were invited to the memorial for a private unveiling.

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A New Home for Westchester's Rescued Animals in Briarcliff

By Abby Luby

For countless Westchester residents who remember the old, 1950s crumbling structures of the SPCA Westchester in Briarcliff, the new, brightly lit facility will thrill and delight.

The impressive 27,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Animal Rescue Center held an official opening Sunday, September 12 to an invitation-only crowd, replete with speakers, tours, and a meet and greet with resident dogs and cats.

Building the facility was realized with the help of a hefty \$6.3 million grant from the New York State Agriculture and Markets through the Companion Animal Capital Fund. The total cost was \$8.5 million.

"What we thought would be an uphill undertaking became a groundswell of support thanks in large part to all of you here today, our long-time supporters who helped us achieved this monumental goal," SPCA Westchester Executive Director Shannon Laukhuf told some 50 attendees on Sunday. "We are so grateful to you all for sharing our vision and for caring so deeply for the homeless animal population that pass through our doors."

The SPCA has been on the same site since 1883 and has always been recognized as a highly acclaimed five-star animal rescue and care center. Plans to construct a new center began three years ago but groundbreaking was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Construction finally started in Sept. 2020.

Invited to the opening were Sean Morgan and his husband Mike Troup, who currently own two rescue dogs. Morgan grew up in



ABBY LUBY PHOTO

Butch & Dolly, three-month-old male and female at the new SPCA Westchester in Briarcliff.

Cortlandt and sponsored a new area in the center in the name of his deceased mother. "My mom adopted several cats and dogs from here," he said. "This newer facility is definitely a step up and an important place to help homeless animals."

Westchester SPCA board chair Deborah Klugman thanked many in the audience who donated to the new center and shared a heartfelt story: just days before the opening a scratching noise was heard from an unmarked box under the tent set up for the opening. When Klugman and trainer Lisa Ricker opened the box, they discovered an old, blind and deaf pug who had been abandoned.

"The quick happy ending is that this sweet old gentleman is currently resting in our clinic and will ultimately live out his days in the comfort and care of a foster home," she said.

The more serious issue of animal abuse and neglect was addressed by Westchester County District Attorney Mimi Rocah. Rocah,



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Ribbon Cutting at the brand new SPCA Westchester in Briarcliff Manor Sunday (L-R:) SPCA Board Members Carolyn Gill, Barbara Kobren, SPCA Executive Director Shannon, SPCA Board Member, Lisa Rockefeller, Board President Deborah Klugman and SPCA Board Member Nancy Karch

who was at the opening with one of her two sons. Rocah said her office works to enforce the Humane Law Enforcement (HLE) Unit of SPCA Westchester to protect the animals from cruelty and neglect.

"Animals are the most vulnerable victims and they solely depend on us," said Rocah. "The SPCA Humane Law Enforcement works with my office, and they have done incredible work."

The Humane Law Enforcement Unit has its own dedicated space in the new building, including rooms to care for seized animals. The new center can accommodate up to 250 rescue animals, offer rescue programs and services that are expected to expand.

Unlike any other shelter and rescue facility, animal spaces at the new facility look fun and comforting. Donating creative and playful designs for catteries was Tony-Nominated Broadway set designers Broadway Barks. Imaginative spaces include the Old English Library with a faux fireplace and a real-life portrait framed cat bed, the Enchanted Forest with a beautiful sprawling tree for the cats to perch on and climb. The Dog of the Day replicates a home-like setting for rescue pups and to prep the thousands of dogs for new permanent homes. A cozy lounge chair and TV dog bed is an ideal curl up spot. The Jazz Room welcomes volunteers and senior dogs where they can relax with music therapy and which also includes a piano.

The new Rescue Center includes 85 indoor dog habitats, 33 outdoor day pens for fresh air, six meet and greet "matchmaking" rooms for dogs and cats to spend time with potential adopters and multiple fenced in play yards for exercise and play groups. There is also a large multi-purpose room to host humane educational classes, workshops and indoor dog training. The new low-cost "Cody's Clinic" is significantly larger and includes new, modernized equipment and an additional examination room and surgical suite.

Inspecting the new catteries was Westchester resident Marie Alpert, who recalled her first cat she got at SPCA about 50 years ago. "They've created wonderful environments for cats and the center looks like it's easy to maintain," she said. "They were always a success and will be more of a success now."

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Croton-on-Hudson Police Department

Aug. 30: 1:02 p.m. - Patrol responded to the area of Grand St. for a report of a suspicious package left on a resident's property. The property, which was not a danger, was recovered and held for safekeeping.

Aug 31: 7:35 a.m. - Patrol responded to an area on Route 9 South for a report of a vehicle driving erratically (tailgating). The caller stated when she moved over the operator of the vehicle threw a water bottle at their car. The bottle did not hit her car and the vehicle went right at the split into Ossining. The area was canvassed with negative results.

Sept. 1: 10:30 p.m. - Patrol and Croton FD responded to an area on Dailey Drive for a report of water coming into their residence due to the drain being blocked by debris. The scene was handled by Croton FD.

Sept. 2: 8:23 a.m. - Patrols responded to an area of Quaker Bridge Rd. (Black Rock Park) for a report of heavy flooding condition. Patrol confirmed the condition and the area was later closed until further notice by the Village of Croton management.

Sept. 2: 5:11 p.m. - Patrol was notified by a Croton resident of a continued harassment situation in an area on Grand St. between juveniles. There were no reported injuries. Youth Officer to be notified.

Sept 4: 1:49 p.m. - Patrol was notified from a Croton resident that they received a

phone call from someone stating they were from Con Edison and that they were coming over to the house in 30 minutes to shut the power off unless they paid them now. The unknown party had requested a credit card and had also tried to get the resident to give over other account information. After realizing it was a scam they called Con Edison and the account was in order. Presently they have had no financial loss.

Sept. 4: 9:02 p.m. -Patrol responded to an area on Arrowcrest Dr. for a noise complaint after receiving approximately 36 phone calls regarding professional grade fireworks being set off at a commercial establishment. The fireworks are rattling house windows and scaring their animals. NYSP called and indicated they received close to 100 calls regarding the same.

North Castle Police Department

Sept. 3: 2:12 a.m. - Caller from Oregon Road in Armonk reports he passed out and lost consciousness. Caller is unsure of what other events may have transpired. Call transferred to 60 Control.

Sept. 3: 9:03 a.m. - Caller reports his 80-year-old mother has fallen and is complaining of pain to her ribs and head. Injury party transferred to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Sept. 4: 10:57 a.m. - Suspicious incident reported on North Broadway in North White Plains. Caller reports his window is open and thinks someone tried to enter his residence. Officer assigned. Interior checks okay.

Sept. 4: 11:16 a.m. - Caller from Fisher Lane believes his vehicle was tampered with when parked in a commuter lot. Caller states vehicle may have electrical, water and wheel damage. Doesn't think damage is storm related.

Sept. 4: 10:55 p.m. - Caller reports his neighbor was creating a disturbance outside the residence and when he asked him to be quiet he became irate and yelled at him.

Yorktown Police Department

Sept 8: 5 p.m. - Errol Forde III, 26, of Peekskill, was charged with driving 60 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone on Route 202 near Elizabeth Road and operating a vehicle with suspended driving privileges.



Costly Crash

Instead of going into the bank drive-through at a plaza on Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley, an elderly woman crashed into the side of the building last Thursday, causing enough damage to force the evacuation of everyone inside while the building was checked for structural damages. The driver escaped serious injuries but was transported by ambulance for evaluation.

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Obituaries

Emily Thompson Smith

Emily Thompson Smith, an award-winning journalist and resident of Croton-on-Hudson, died August 27. She was 72.

Dedicated to environmental issues and solutions, her coverage of the interplay of science, technology policy and the environment helped shape public consciousness and global interdependency. She was the first journalist to author a newsmagazine cover story on sustainable development prior to the first United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 while serving as science editor of BusinessWeek, now Bloomberg BusinessWeek, where she spent 15 years. She started as a correspondent, then served as Boston Bureau Chief and finally as Science and Environment Editor in New York. She wrote numerous cover stories, was the inaugural recipient in 1993 of Whitman Basso Award for environmental coverage, conferred by the Overseas Press Club, the highest honor for international magazine coverage. She was part of a team that received two coveted National Magazine Awards in the 1990s as well as winning an award for exemplary coverage by the National Education Association in 1983. She was also lead author of some 20 cover stories in her time at the magazine.

After leaving BusinessWeek she co-wrote and edited The Business of Sustainable Forestry, Strategies for an Industry in Transition, published by Island Press as part



Emily Thompson Smith

of a project of the MacArthur Foundation. She also worked as a management consultant both for international business enterprises and for nonprofits. Interested in environmental philanthropy, she served on the board of directors of the Jesse Smith Noyes Foundation in New York for several years and was a judge for the Scripps environmental journalism awards and annual awards of the Overseas Press Club of which she was a member.

An avid amateur equestrian she practiced competitive dressage and owned several dressage horses over 30 years. She pursued a lifelong interest in art and collected American antiques, Chinese, Japanese and

Inuit art having majored in art history as an undergraduate.

She was married to Dr. Everette E. Dennis, an administrator, professor and media researcher at Columbia, Fordham, Oregon, Minnesota and Northwestern universities. They met at the University of

Minnesota in the 1970s and were married in 1988 in New York at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

She is survived by her husband, a sister, Rebecca Smith of Queens, N.Y. and 10 nieces and nephews.

Susan Manzella

Susan G. Manzella, a resident of Cortlandt, died September 8. She was 68.

She was born in the Bronx on June 26, 1953 to Salvatore and Marion Ruggiero. She married Robert Manzella on August 4, 1974.

Susan spent 25 years working as a kindergarten aide in the Yorktown School District where she put her creative talents to use. She was an amazing hostess and loved entertaining at her home. Susan was truly the life of the party. She enjoyed cooking, decorating, and shopping. Out of all of her hobbies, spending time with her six grandchildren was her favorite thing to do. Susan, always thinking of others, put her family and friends first in all aspects of her life.

She is survived by her husband Robert, her mother Marion Ruggiero, son Jason Manzella (Jaime), daughter Melissa Berkowitz (Michael), son Rob Manzella



Susan Manzella

(Natalie DiCola), sister Patricia Passannanti, brothers Anthony Ruggiero, Sal Ruggiero and Rob Ruggiero. She is also survived by six grandchildren Julia, Jason, Chloe, Emma, Matteo and Nico.

Frances Devine

Frances Mary Devine, beloved daughter and sister, died unexpectedly at home in Pleasantville. She was 48.


She was born November 25, 1972 to Frances (Conklin) Devine and Richard W. Devine Jr. in Yonkers. A lifelong resident of Pleasantville, she attended local schools and graduated from Pleasantville High School. When "Franny" was a little girl, she was the varsity cheerleader's mascot and cheered for her big brother's football games. A swimmer from an early age she really was our "water baby." Like her father and brothers, she was a fan of local high school sports and all things Notre Dame.

Fran was a licensed beautician and worked for many years in the Pleasantville-Thornwood area. Her sweet and loving disposition will be missed by all who knew her.

She was predeceased by her grandparents Mabel (Carlson) and Richard W. Devine Sr., Frances (Hazard) and James W. Conklin, father Richard W. Devine Jr., brother Donald AJ Mills, aunts Mary Devine, and Phyllis Devine Mooney, and uncles James and Steven Devine.


She is survived by her mother Frances Borges (WV), brothers Richard W. Devine II (NY), James B. Mills (Cathy) NY, and Robert T. Mills Sr. (Sue) CT, aunt Susan Palmieri (CT), and uncle Dr. Terrance Devine (Molly) PA, nieces Kelly and Olivia Mills, and Lauren Mills and nephew Robert T. Mills Jr.

A Memorial Service will be held September 25 at the Beecher Flooks Funeral Home in Pleasantville at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial in Kensico Cemetery will follow.



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Somers High School Grad Self-Publishes Sci-Fi Fantasy Novel

By Bailey Hosfelt

During the pandemic, Michael Nyikos, a Somers Senior High School graduate and current junior at Union College in Schenectady, wrote and self-published a sci-fi fantasy novel, *The Colson Legend: Ice Queen*.

The story, which is written from the perspective of multiple characters, primarily revolves around a lackadaisical teenager Jack Colson who finds a mystical artifact. The artifact, an ice gem that has a living consciousness inside of it known as Ava the Ice Queen, gains powers and

latches onto Colson.

Colson needs to learn how to utilize his newfound powers to stop the organization S.O.A.S., led by Austen Wolfe, who is trying to achieve an urban legend called "The Power of Four."

Throughout the story, Jack must not only learn how to use his special powers but also understand his symbiotic relationship with Ava — all while Wolfe is in high pursuit and ex-S.O.A.S. member and criminal, Liam Scarr, attempts to break the bond between Colson and Ava.

The *Colson Legend: Ice Queen* was released in late August, but Nyikos began

the process 16 months ago in April 2020.

"During COVID, I was watching a lot more movies at the time, and I wanted to see if I was able to write a movie [of my own]," Nyikos said, noting that his original idea for *The Colson Legend: Ice Queen* was built for a screenplay.

"I decided to make it into a book instead so it could get dispersed to more people," Nyikos said. "Screenplays are harder to get people to read since it's supposed to be on the screen."

Nyikos didn't have a specific inspiration for his book, but rather he just started writing *The Colson Legend: Ice Queen* and built the ideas as he went along.

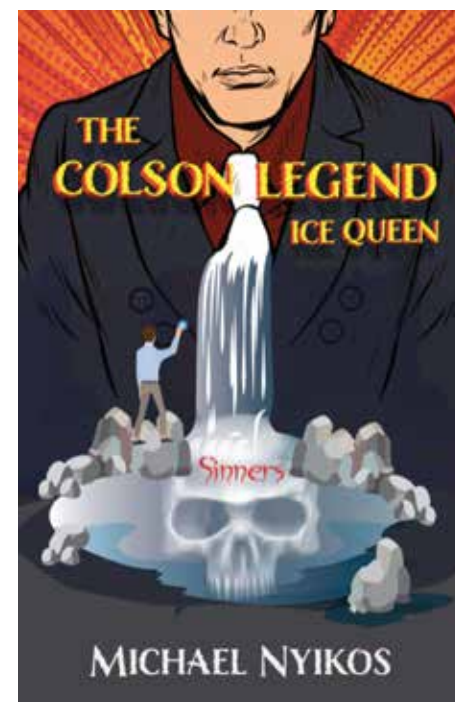
Nyikos worked with an independent publishing house, Rowland Publishing, which is based out of Tallahassee, and collaborated with fellow Somers Senior High School graduate and illustrator Lainey Rothschild for the book's cover art.

Nyikos said the most difficult part of the self-publishing process was making revisions after his first draft was completed.

"Going back and making changes to make the book as good as it could be was definitely the hardest part because it took a while and a lot of thought," Nyikos said.

But when the book was published, Nyikos said, it was all worth it.

Right now, *The Colson Legend: Ice*



Queen is available for purchase on Amazon, but Nyikos is in the process of getting it into physical big-box bookstores like Barnes and Noble, as well as local, smaller bookstores in the Somers area. He hopes that it will be available in physical stores later this fall.

Obituary

Dominic Terzigni

Dominic (Gene) P. Terzigni died Aug. 30 at the age of 86 from natural causes at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco.

He was born Aug. 20, 1935, near Florence, Italy to Antonio and Vincenza Terzigni. He immigrated to the United States with his family when he was very young and lived most of his years in Mount Kisco where he worked at the Town of New Castle and the Mount Kisco Country Club. He also lived in

North Carolina and South Carolina working at many golf courses. Gene served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea. Golf and NASCAR were his two passions.

Dominic (Gene) is survived by his brother, Americo (Mickey), and sister-in-law Joan of Whispering Pines, N.C., and many nieces and nephews. Especially helpful to Gene were his niece, Rose Blaney, and her husband, Phil, and close friends Eric and Eva Wiltse.

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Letters to the Editor

Youth Programs and Events Alive and Well in Cortlandt

In September, our children go back to school. The relaxing days of summer are now behind us; going to the town pool, taking family vacations, playing sports, summer concerts, barbecues, neighborhood parties, fireworks on July 4th and all the other great times.

However, the education of our children is very important and we are fortunate to have excellent School Districts in our community.

The Town kicks off the Fall months with our annual Cortlandt Family Fun Day (this year on September 18, raindate September 19) with fireworks. Then we go into our October events, a 5K Run for all ages, and several Halloween parties including a Dog Parade. Yes, they are also dressed in festive costumes. Lots of fun!

I was a part in creating our first Youth Center in a small house leased to the town off Albany Post Road many years ago. When we outgrew this space then the Town Board and I agreed to build a new Youth Center off Memorial Drive,

near the New York State Police headquarters. It opened September 2009 and has been a great and safe environment for many young people throughout the years. The Director and staff are all highly qualified to supervise our children. We also have a drop in center called the C.U.E. with a pool table, games, TV, etc. near the movie theater at the Cortlandt Town Center. Also, well supervised.

The Town Recreation Department has dedicated individuals who run our many youth programs: basketball, lacrosse, softball, soon pickleball, assist with football and many other programs.

Of course, we are very proud of our town pool campus with all of its amenities and our summer camps are always a big hit. For the very young children we have a network of playgrounds and other activities for their enjoyment.

Over the years, I have enjoyed handing out the trophies for all our sports teams to the boys and girls. Each child receives a trophy. Special thanks to our volunteer coaches

who make these programs memorable.

Another very special part of being Supervisor is when young people come into the Town Hall to meet with me to learn about our local government. It could be Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop or classrooms from the various schools. Sometimes it is just one student doing a report interviewing me. All of these are wonderful. They always have great questions and suggestions, I may add. I tell them when they grow up perhaps they will be Town Supervisor, the Governor or even the President. I also tell them they can become whatever they want to and that whatever is in their future I know they will be great!

Therefore, in summary, as a parent, a grandmother, and as a former Pre-School Director, I love working with and meeting our Cortlandt youth. They are the best!

Linda D. Puglisi
Cortlandt Supervisor

Biden Did as He Promised in Afghanistan

Re: Guest Column “Learning the Hard Lessons of Vietnam Once Again in Afghanistan” (8/31-9/6, 2021)

General Donald B. Smith’s alarmist column about our leaving Afghanistan is awash with wildly displaced anger. The General blames our loss on politics, but he himself sees the war through a political lens, complaining about a “weak President” and moral leadership being hampered by “progressive notions of political correctness.”

He argues that we stay in Afghanistan

forever, spending trillions upon trillions of tax dollars, and continuing to endanger the lives of American soldiers and Afghan civilians. The Taliban was never a danger to the US; Osama Bin Laden was, and we killed him a decade ago. Terrorists can strike from anywhere; remaining in Afghanistan guaranteed nothing. The US currently has over 800 military bases in more than 70 countries. They certainly didn’t prevent 9/11, so let’s stop believing that sprinkling American soldiers throughout the world is

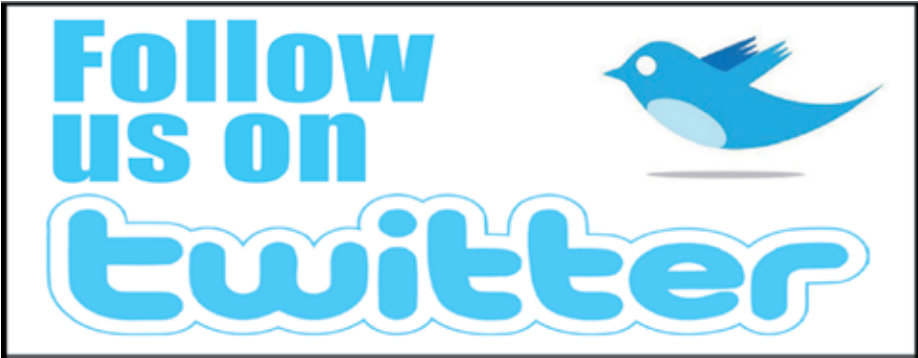
the answer to our security.

Americans are fed up with never ending wars without any stated definitions of success. Any honest analysis of what went wrong must acknowledge that military leadership has served as an active partner, planner, and propagator of all of them. The 18th century view of war--massive armies meeting on a battlefield with rules of engagement--has little bearing in the modern world. Relying on this antiquated model, the US has failed to win every major

war since World War II. When will we learn?

Chaos at the end of the Afghanistan war was inevitable, so much so that Bush, Obama, and Trump all avoided it. Biden did what he promised in his campaign and why so many of us voted for him. Biden will be remembered as a hero for cutting the cord and removing us from this boondoggle.

Chandak Ghosh
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Yorktown Adopts Increase in Veterans' Property Exemption Benefit

The Yorktown Town Board recently approved an expanded property tax benefit for military veterans.

The amendment to the local Alternative Veterans Exemption and Cold War Veterans Exemption affects the following maximum property exemptions:

- Non-Combat Veteran exemptions will increase from \$1,204 to \$1,590, or 15% of the assessment, whichever is less.
- Combat Veteran exemptions will increase from \$803 to \$1,060, or the lesser of 10% of the assessment, not to exceed an exemption amount of \$1,060.
- Disabled Veterans amounts will increase from \$4,014 to \$5,300. The exemption amount is calculated at 50% of the disability rating not to exceed \$5,300.

These changes apply to all existing veterans exemptions beginning with the 2022 Assessment Roll for 2023 taxes.

"The Town Board recognizes our veterans' sacrifices and service. This increase in the tax benefit is our community's way of expressing gratitude to those who protected our freedoms," said Supervisor Matt Slater.

"I'm thankful to our veterans for their efforts and this is a small gesture we are making to express our gratitude," said Councilman Tom Diana.

The legal title to the residential property must be in the name of the veteran, a spouse, or an un-remarried surviving spouse.

"Our veterans have protected our most cherished freedoms, and for that I

thank them by supporting this increased benefit," said Councilman Ed Lachterman.

Yorktown's increased benefit does not apply to school district or special district taxes.

"I appreciate the work our veterans have done to protect our country and I support this benefit," said Councilman Vishnu Patel.

"The liberty we enjoy daily is a direct result of the sacrifices our veterans have

made. That's an enormous debt that we all must repay with gestures like these," said Councilwoman Alice Roker.

For Veterans who currently have the Veterans exemption, there is no action needed.

New owners looking to apply for the Veterans exemption may contact the Town of Yorktown Assessors office at 914-962-5722 x 227.

Corrections

In last week's Sept. 7-13 edition, an article headlined "Gate of Heaven Solar Farm Rejected by Mt. Pleasant Planning Board" incorrectly stated that the PILOT payment (in lieu of taxes) to the town of Mt. Pleasant would be about \$40,000 a year for the duration of the lease, 25 years. The PILOT payment would be about \$50,000 a year for 25 years.

Also, in last week's Sept. 7-13 edition, an

article headlined, "Catholic Archdiocese Installing Rooftop Solar Array on Closed Briarcliff School," incorrectly states that ConEd is the developer of the solar system at St. Theresa. Ecology is the developer of the solar system at St. Theresa. Also, the article incorrectly stated that ConEd is the developer of the storage battery at St. Augustine in Ossining. The battery developer is Borego. We regret the errors.



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By Erin Maher

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Throughout the years, the Wallauer brand continued to expand, with members of the Wallauer family at the helm, who have kept the community and customers coming back year after year. In 2016, after being led by Wallauer's grandson for 34 years, Robert Duncan Jr., Duncan's daughters, Donna and Debbie, took over the business from their father.

"It's always the people and the family dynamic," said Ed Klein,



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Wallauer Chief Operating Officer, on Wallauer's longevity.

Wallauer's has become one of Benjamin Moores' Top 10 retailers in North America and now carries more than 5,000 paint colors, including interior and exterior paints and stains,

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treatments from Hunter Douglas, designer fabrics and wall coverings, area rugs and design services.

From the walls to the windows, Wallauer's has plenty for customers. Every Wallauer's store features the latest window dressings from Hunter Douglas, including motorized blinds and shades. Customers can also choose designer fabric from hundreds of brands, including Robert Allen, Kravet and Fabricut. Wallauer's also carries wallpaper from top designers and have in-store designers to help customers plan their perfect home vision. Can't make it to the store? In 2020, Wallauer's rolled out an e-commerce component to the Wallauer website to assist with curbside orders for customers.

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"We really are a destination for a homeowner or a contractor



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Wallauer COO Ed Klein

to go to that can provide unique services that can't be provided anywhere else," said Klein.

Wallauer's has 15 locations across Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties, with its headquarters in White Plains. In Westchester, Wallauer's stores are located in White Plains, Bedford, Ardsley, Mohegan Lake, Ossining, Pelham, Port Chester, Scarsdale, Yonkers, New Rochelle and Yorktown Heights.

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Eats & Ale Food Truck & Beer Garden sponsored by CECI
Parked & Cookin'all Weekend: Mt. Kisco Seafood, Exit 4 Food Hall
Beer Garden featuring Captain Lawrence Brews & Leonard Park Wines,
Crafty Cue BBQ & Fry Truck, Mobile Pie Pizza, Horseman's Deli &
Comida Latina, Mac's Meatballs, The Waffle Box, Sweet Treats,
plus carnival favorites.
- 5-7pm: WHUD 100.7 Street Team Live! Sponsored by Fidelis Care NY
6-9pm: What's in Westchester Selfie Station w/ guest appearances by local
Influencers & Bloggers
7:30-10:30pm: Outdoor High Energy DJ Dance Party w Jimmy Dee Entertainment
sponsored by D'Errico Jewelry on the Captain Lawrence Stage

Saturday, September 18, 2021 (11am-11pm)

- 11am-11pm: Full Blown Carnival Fun with Rides & Amusements
Eats & Ale Food & Beer Garden sponsored by CECI
11am-6pm: Fest Street Fair w Sidewalk Sales & Pop-Up Ally near Food Court
11am-3pm: Antique Cars on So. Moger Ave., Appearances by the Fidelisaurus
12pm-1pm: Magic Show in Promenade sponsored by Mount Kisco Dental Group
1pm-4pm: Westchester County Police Department, Mt. Kisco Volunteer Fire Dept.
& Mt. Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps
12pm: Indie Afternoon w Live Music on the Captain Lawrence Stage
12pm - Kevin Kane with Jim Fetherston
1pm - Devah Fontana
2pm - Jay Hitt & Lisa Lipkin
3pm-5pm: Amor Radio sponsored by Fidelis Care NY
6pm-11pm: Saturday Night Swagger w Live Music sponsored by McGrath Realty Inc
6pm - Marissa Detlor
8pm - Ultimate Classic Rock Band Superhero

Sunday, September 19 (12:00pm-8:00pm) Note: Kisco Run 5K in morning

- 12pm-8pm: Full Blown Carnival Fun with Rides & Amusements
Eats & Ale Food & Beer Garden sponsored by CECI
12pm-4pm: Fest Street Fair w Sidewalk Sales & Pop-Up Ally near Food Court
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Students in Greenburgh Help Small Businesses Recover from COVID

By Bailey Hosfelt

When the pandemic first hit and businesses were shuttered, high school students in the Greenburgh area began to notice that the lockdown hit local businesses especially hard.

Some of their favorite coffee shops, bakeries and grocery stores were either closed or on the brink of closing.

"I wanted to do something to prevent others from losing their favorite local businesses," said Gerald Wang, a rising senior at Edgemont High School.

Then a news posting came from Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, seeking creative, hard-working and goal-oriented high school students to help small businesses in the area with post-pandemic recovery.

Wang and more than 100 other students in the region applied to be part of the Post Pandemic Task Force, a three-month pilot project run by the Zuckerberg Institute where students would work closely with local businesses and learn directly from Silicon Valley executives and industry experts.

The 14 chosen students were divided into two groups and paired with a local business that needed support. Students would come up with innovative solutions to support small business owners whose stores had been substantially disrupted by COVID-19.

Gerald Wang, Michael Roehrl, a rising senior at Edgemont High School; Rachel Vardi, a rising junior at Edgemont High School; Parker Press, a rising senior at Edgemont High School; Amber Carr, a rising senior at

Dwight-Englewood High School; Ilan Luciano, a rising freshman at Pelham Memorial High School; and Arush Mishra, a rising junior at Middlesex County Academy for STEM formed one group and were paired with Golden Krust, a Caribbean restaurant in White Plains.

Charmaine Golding, the owner of Golden Krust in White Plains, has had the business since 2005. Golding was balancing running the restaurant while also working full-time in information security and information technology for an Italian bank.

In 2019, the bank Golding worked for closed its international branches, and she decided to focus solely on her business. Shortly after, the pandemic hit.

Before the pandemic, Golding's restaurant was not on third-party delivery apps like Uber Eats, DoorDash, Grubhub or Seamless. But during the pandemic when take-out was the primary means for restaurants to make ends meet, Golding realized she had to use the services.

Golding said there was a 20 percent increase in sales from third-party vendors alone.

"When you don't have the foot traffic, it does help for the bottom line," Golding said.

Golding also wanted to beef up Golden Krust's advertising to make more people know about the restaurant.

"We serve a niche, which is Caribbean cuisine, specifically more Jamaican-based, and [Golden Krust] has been there for years, but it wasn't known," Golding said.

When a student from the Post Pandemic Task Force reached out, Golding saw an

opportunity to expand Golden Krust's reach and increase patronage.

"When one of the kids in this program came to me, I was glad because I know young people have familiarity with social media and they can guide me to get even more exposure there," Golding said.

Students from the Task Force came up with various ideas to help support Golden Krust.

"Some idea we have are going to food festivals or events where we can hand out samples and spread the message of what Golden Krust is and where it is," Roehrl said.

Roehrl said they also plan on using Nextdoor and expanding Golden Krust's Instagram page. They have also been making fliers to hang up in highly trafficked areas like Scarsdale Village.

The group also wants to partner with school clubs and other programs to help get the word out about Golden Krust and its food. Golden Krust serves traditional Caribbean dishes like braised oxtail, Jamaican patties, curried goat, broth-stewed chicken, curry chicken, roti, soups, breakfast, fresh juices and more. "For the food festivals, I think the finger food like the jerk chicken, the wings, the patties, those things will attract people to come and try and see the other stuff we have," Golding said.

Golding hopes participating in local food festivals will increase Golden Krust's visibility and broaden its clientele. Currently, the Task Force is scouting events for the spring.

"I'm trying to get [Golden Krust] into mainstream America," Golding said. "My

clients tend to be more Caribbean because they know [the food]."

"Anyone can tell you if you go to a restaurant and ethnic people are there, that means it's good because they know what's good," Golding said.

In addition to giving high schoolers the opportunity to help support local businesses, the Post Pandemic Task Force also helped participants gain invaluable skills such as time management, effective communication in a business setting and marketing fundamentals.

"Even though the primary goal of our program was to help Golden Krust, we also went over a lot of self-improvement lessons that really stuck with us after the program ended," Mishra said.

In addition to the Task Force's weekly class on Zoom, the students also participated in town halls where business leaders from a variety of sectors shared their experience and expertise.

"We informed them about our progress, and they provided some hands-on feedback right in the moment," Mishra said. "That was another really cool aspect of the program."

Although the program, which ran from June through August, has wrapped up, the group will still continue to work with Golden Krust, offering their support and ideas.

"On a larger scale, we've recognized that much of a community's diversity is not only affected by the diversity of its people but also its diversity in businesses," Wang said. "Our local businesses make our towns and communities unique."

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Lego

Junior 1st Prize: Jule Essell. Junior 2nd Prize: Karl Essell. Youth II 1st Prize: Erica Essell. Junior 2nd Prize: Chance Brown Hudson. Junior 3rd Prize: William Lobo. Junior 2nd Prize: Winston Hinds Lewis Jr. Junior 3rd Prize: Dillon. Youth II 1st Prize: Milo O'Keefe. Junior 2nd Prize: Angel Roper. Youth I 3rd Prize: Carter Sinenta. Youth II 1st Prize: Robert Lena. Youth I 2nd Prize: Owen Ackerman. Best of Class - Youth I: Avery Dias. Best of Character - Youth I: Owen Lena. Youth II 1st Prize: Lily Gately. Youth I 1st Prize: Sean Gately. Youth I 2nd Prize: Owen Ackerman. Youth II 1st Prize: Jake Lynch. Junior 2nd Prize: William Lobo. Youth II 1st Prize: Claire Malecki. Youth II 3rd Prize: Owen Lena. Best of Show: Lanna Hirai.

Flowers

Youth Best of Show, Container Grown: Vega Dunn, Yorktown Heights. Youth Best of Class, Sunflower: Mich Mioni, Cortlandt Manor. Best of Class, Dahlia: Jill Lake, Putnam Valley. Best of Class, Sedum: Cecelia Soprano, Katonah. Best of Class, Back to the Garden: Cecelia Soprano, Katonah. Best of Class, Zinnia, Dahlia: Eileen Zidi, Mt. Kisco, Cabbage Hill. Best of Class, Design, Back to the Garden: Eileen Zidi, Mt. Kisco, Cabbage Hill. Best of Class, Dahlia: Elizabeth Gould, Hopewell Junction. Best of Show, Dahlia: Elizabeth Gould, Hopewell Junction. Best of Class, Miniature Rose: Linda Henning, Yorktown.

Best of Class, Hydrangea: Rosalind Lawrence, Mahopac. Best of Class, Balloon Flower: Lisa Holz, Hopewell Junction. Best of Class, Dahlia: Charlotte Morsch, Somers. Best of Show, Design, Back to the Garden: Donna Reilly, Cortlandt Manor. Best of Class, Design, Back to the Garden: Pamela Schienle, Yorktown Heights.

Photography

Adult Computer Enhanced

1st Prize: Erika Losario, Scarsdale. 2nd Prize: Marcie Kaplan, Mohegan Lake. 3rd Prize: Laura Hanlon, Katonah.

Adult Body of Water

1st Prize: Shelley Lap, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Elizabeth Sokol, Yorktown Heights. 3rd Prize: Ken Belker, Mohegan Lake.

Youth 16 Year Old

1st Prize: Jennies Children, West Harrison. 2nd Prize: Mitch Molino, West Harrison. 3rd Prize: Ismarlin Jimenez, West Harrison.

Youth Portrait

1st Prize: Veronica Lynch, Mohegan Lake.

Adult Patriotic

1st Prize: Erika Losario, Scarsdale. 2nd Prize: Marcie Kaplan, Mohegan Lake. 3rd Prize: Eva Carey, Yorktown Heights.

Adult Past Present Grange

1st Prize: Shelley Lap, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Annmarie Sasso, Croton.

Adult Parade

1st Prize: Marcie Kaplan, Mohegan Lake. 2nd Prize: Shelley Lap, Yorktown Heights.

Youth/Adult Horses

1st Prize: Erika Losario, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Eva Carey, Yorktown Heights. 3rd Prize: Henry Krassner, Katonah.

Adult Portrait

1st Prize: Christian Schienle, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Samantha Sorano, Fishkill. 3rd Prize:

Marcie Kaplan, Mohegan Lake.

Adult Still Life

1st Prize: Erika Losario, Yorktown Heights. 2nd Prize: Laura Hanlon, Katonah. 3rd Prize: James Morgan, Yorktown Heights.

Youth Still Life

1st Prize: Seeds of Hope, West Harrison. 2nd Prize: James Sasso, Katonah. Best of Show: 1st Erika Losario, Best of Show: 2nd Shelley Lap.

Baking

Millie Masi: 2nd Prize, Apple Nut Bread, Yorktown. Ben Bloom: 1st Prize, Banana Nut Bread, Peekskill. Millie Masi: 3rd Prize, Lemon Thyme Loaf, Yorktown. Bernard Kalpan: 3rd Prize, Challah Bread, Mahopac. Nicole Fervan: 1st Prize, Apple Butter, Yorktown. St. Christophers School: 1st Prize, Peach Jam, West Harrison. Emily Goucher: 2nd Prize, Apple Sauce, Yorktown. Millie Masi: 2nd Prize, Chocolate Beet Cake, Yorktown. Tara Devaney: 3rd Prize, Sugar Cookies, Yorktown. Charlotte Morsch: 3rd Prize, Orange Hazelnut, Somers. Nicole Fervan: 3rd Prize, Oatmeal Cookies, Yorktown.

Livestock

Sheep Senior Showmanship: Grand Champion, Finn Keenan, Somers. Sheep Senior Showmanship: Reserve Champion, Maeva Keenan, Mahopac. Novice Goat Showmanship: Luo Meza, Somers. Novice Goat Showmanship: Rohan Venkatraman, Goldens Bridge. Intermediate Goat Showmanship: Grand Champion, Amylyn Dietz, Yorktown Heights. Advanced Goat Showmanship: Grand Champion, James Sasso, Croton-on-Hudson. Junior Cow Showmanship: Grand Champion, Avery Kim, Katonah. Junior Cow Showmanship: Reserve Champion, Edwyn Keenan, North Salem. Junior Horse Showmanship: 1st Reserve Champion, Lila Simone, Carmel. Junior Horse



Yorktown Councilman Vishnu Patel received a ribbon for his entry.

Showmanship: 2nd Reserve Champion, Brandon VanValkenburg, Lake Peekskill. Junior Horse Showmanship: 3rd Reserve Champion, Brooke VanValkenburg, Lake Peekskill. Senior Horse Showmanship: Grand Champion, Erika Losario, New Rochelle. Senior Horse Showmanship: 1st, Samantha Doud, Putnam Valley. Senior Horse Showmanship: 2nd, Victoria Federico, Putnam Valley. Senior Horse Showmanship: 3rd, Jacob DeMay, Putnam Valley.

Art After 55

Best of Class, Found Metal Objects: Jim Morgan (tractor) Yorktown. Best of Class, Sawblades Lighthouse: Dan Moran Yorktown. Watercolor: 1st Prize: Patricia Grove, Putnam Valley. 2nd Prize: Brian Augustowski, Cortlandt Manor. 3rd Prize: Sue Pezzelo, Yorktown. Oil: 1st Prize: Susan Shaiken, Mahopac. 2nd Prize: Joan Pavelka, Yorktown Heights. 3rd Prize: Joan Pavelka, Yorktown Heights. Acrylic: 1st Prize: Dierdre Frost, Mohegan Lake. 2nd Prize: Susan Painter, Mohegan Lake. Best of Show: Susan Shaiken, Mahopac.

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Restored Sculptures Return Home to Downtown White Plains

Two old friends familiar to residents and business people in downtown White Plains have returned to their old home at the City Square complex, thanks to Ginsburg Development Companies.

Two sculptures – First Case and Contact – by the late renowned sculptor J. Seward Johnson have been restored by the Seward Johnson Atelier and returned to 50 Main Street and One Martine Avenue.

Created out of bronze, First Case, which is located at the entrance to 50 Main Street office building, depicts a lawyer examining his papers in last-minute preparation for a court case. The other sculpture Contact, which depicts a couple embracing, is located at the entrance of One Martine Avenue luxury rental tower. The two sculptures have been restored to their original condition when they first arrived over 30 years ago.

“We are delighted to bring home to White Plains and Westchester County these two world-class sculptures which we had restored to their original condition. They now share space with our most recent sculpture at City Square – Fragments of Something Bigger,” said Martin Ginsburg, Principal of Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC), the owner of City Square. “This is another example of our ongoing commitment to bring outstanding public art to our properties for everyone to enjoy,” he added.

GDC recently installed at the entrance to 50 Main Street the nearly 18-foot-tall

Fragments of Something Bigger” sculpture which is made of highly polished stainless steel and displayed on a pedestal. The sculpture is the work of Bulgarian sculptor Georgi Minchev, who was selected through a competitive open call process managed by ArtsWestchester.

Located at the gateway to downtown White Plains, 50 Main Street is a key component of GDC’s transformation of the former Westchester Financial Center into City Square, a new mixed-use center. In addition to the modernization of 50 Main Street, the project includes the transformation of the 1 Martine Avenue office building into 188 luxury rental

apartments, new restaurant and retail space along Main Street and the creation of City Square Park, a private open space on the roof deck of the 1,000-space parking garage that connects all buildings and features fountains, waterfalls, walking paths, a putting green and outdoor dining on a one acre beautifully landscaped space.

“Contact” by the late renowned sculptor J. Seward Johnson depicts a couple embracing, is located at the entrance of One Martine Avenue luxury rental tower.



Job Fair Scheduled in Yorktown September 22

The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Yorktown are joining forces to hold a Job Fair on Wednesday September 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Albert A Capellini Community Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street in Yorktown. The job fair is being organized to give local businesses and job seekers an opportunity to meet with each other and try to help fill the needs for employment in our community.

“In today’s environment, it is essential that businesses and job seekers have an opportunity to meet and converse with each other. Too much of the hiring process is done online and this takes the “personal” touch out of it and eliminates the opportunity to really connect” said Councilman and

Chamber Board member, Ed Lachterman. “We are looking to have that part of the mix put back into the process.”

The job fair will be set up in the gym of the Albert A Capellini Center, also known as the old 6th grade school. There will be areas set up for businesses to conduct onsite interviews as well.

“The Chamber is committed to ensuring that our business community succeeds. Recognizing the huge impact labor shortages have had on our local economy I am pleased to be able to connect both job seekers and businesses in such a productive manner,” said Chamber of Commerce President Sergio Esposito.

The Job Fair is open to any business

that would like to attend, and applications can be found at the Chamber website: YorktownChamber.org. For those seeking employment, there is no registration necessary. Expected business in attendance are The Shrub Oak International School, The Jefferson Valley Mall, Welcome Wagon, Ability Beyond, Optimum Business, Artis Senior Living of Somers, Elements Massage of White Plains, SPARC, TJ Maxx and various Labor Trade Unions including Operating Engineers - Local 130.

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Bear Mountain Bridge to Implement Cashless Tolling

The New York State Bridge Authority has announced that cashless tolling will be implemented at the Bear Mountain Bridge in early October. Motorists will experience non-stop travel under gantries with state-of-the-art sensors and cameras that read E-ZPass tags and take license plate images. Vehicles with E-ZPass tags will be automatically charged and vehicles without E-ZPass tags will have their license plate image captured and a toll bill mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle via Tolls by Mail NY.

The exact date of implementation will be announced in the near future. Information about the cashless tolling project can be found on the Bridge Authority's website and social media pages.

"The Bear Mountain Bridge has been a treasured icon of the Hudson Valley since it opened in 1924," said New York State Bridge Authority Executive Director Maureen A. Coleman. "Bringing this 21st century technology to the bridge will help decrease traffic build-up and reduce engine idling at this transportation anchor of the beautiful Hudson Highlands area."

Cashless tolling has been in use on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge since July 7, 2021. After the implementation is complete at Bear Mountain, the Bridge Authority will bring the new system to the Rip Van Winkle, Kingston-Rhinecliff, and Mid-Hudson Bridges in the months ahead. The conversion to cashless tolling is expected to be fully complete across all Authority bridges by March 2022.

All drivers without an E-ZPass tag are strongly encouraged to obtain one to take advantage of savings and convenience. Tags can be ordered at www.e-zpassny.com or picked up at a number of retailers across the State. NY E-ZPass users pay discounted toll rates at Bridge Authority facilities and on other toll roads within the E-ZPass network.

Non-E-ZPass customers have a number of options to pay, including by mail, over the phone, online, and via the Tolls NY app. Customers who call **826 from most mobile devices will receive a text message



with a link to the Tolls by Mail NY website (www.tollsbymailny.com) and information on how to pay their toll bill. All Tolls by Mail customers will pay the full rate on tolls.

The Bridge Authority recommends all drivers download the Tolls NY mobile app to easily keep track of E-ZPass statements and pay Tolls by Mail invoices.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: 70410/2019 WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE TO LEHMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-17 Plaintiff, vs FRANK O'CONNOR IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 157 6TH STREET VERPLANCK, NY 10596 SBL #: 54.5 - 2 - 9 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Frank O'Connor Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Lawrence H. Ecker of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Sixth day of August, 2021 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Frank O'Connor dated the August 10, 2006, to secure the sum of \$384,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 462490790 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk, on the September 26, 2006. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 19, 2011 and recorded on March 26, 2012, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 520813583. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 4, 2013 and recorded on February 6, 2014, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 540133360. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 26, 2016 and recorded on March 8, 2016, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 560683020. The mortgage was subsequently modified on March 6, 2017; The property in question is described as follows: 157 6TH STREET, VERPLANCK, NY 10596 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. 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Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 31, 2021 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 69930



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COUNTY OF PUTNAM

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Plaintiff,
vs.

JOHANNA MULARADELIS; if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of up to a maximum principal amount of \$696,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 19, 2016, in Liber 6555 at Page 274, of the Public Records of PUTNAM County, New York., covering premises known as 6 EAST BELVEDERE STREET, COLD SPRING, NY 10516.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

PUTNAM County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: June 9th, 2021

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
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Plaintiff designates PUTNAM as the place of
trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

6 EAST BELVEDERE STREET, COLD
SPRING, NY 10516

Section: 48.8, Block: 4, Lot: 14

The Ubiquitous Doorbell, from Buzz to Beethoven's Fifth

As I sat down to write a piece about doorbells, I realized that it's been so long since we've had visitors to our home in Trump Park – because of the pandemic -- that I had forgotten what our doorbell sounded like. I got up and opened my door to check only to discover that I don't have a doorbell at all: I have a knocker! How quaint, I thought.

It's funny how a certain sound can evoke memories of something totally unrelated to an experience at hand. With me, whenever I think about a doorbell, I think of the Fuller Brush man who years ago would go door to door selling his wares.

My wife and I as newlyweds had just moved into our first small apartment in a high-rise building and, on our first day of residence, while still unpacking, we heard a bouncy kind of ping sound and realized it was the first use of our doorbell in our new home. My wife threw open the door to the salesman, an older gentleman, who immediately admonished us for not looking through the peephole before opening the door. "Lady, please at least ask, 'who's there?'" he said. "This is New York City. I could be a killer."

Going further back, when I was a little boy, I remember when my parents bought a newly constructed home, it featured a doorbell with a particularly beautiful set of chimes just

inside the door. I'm told that it was that particular feature that sold my mother on the house.

From earliest times, visitors to a home were announced simply by banging one's knuckles against a door. The task was made easier with the appearance of the door knocker where a visitor would lift an iron or brass knob and strike it against a metal plate. And, later, a bell on the inside of the house would be sounded by pulling a string from the outside.

In 1831, the electric doorbell was invented by Joseph Henry, an American scientist who was the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. It was a simple device,

much like the wired doorbells we see today, where an outside button is pushed and electrical current flows to an inside transformer which activates a noise signal.

In the beginning, this noise was an annoying buzz, but the sound was enhanced in the 1920s to bells or a chime.

In my former home, built in the early 18th century, the doorbell featured an annoying buzz sound, much like an insect zapper. Yet, I was convinced that the same device has been working faithfully since the 1920s.

Well, maybe not so faithfully.

I remember a period where the doorbell somehow got disconnected and didn't ring for a couple of years.

Visitors would call us on our cells saying



they were waiting for us in the driveway.

While the basic function of a doorbell has always been as an important signaling device, there are times when you just don't want to hear it. For instance, I remember a visit to my local Subway where I was seated near the door trying to enjoy my meatball sandwich and, every time a customer walked through the door, there was an annoying and loud sound that all but stopped my heartbeat. I can only imagine the effect this must have on the staff members there who have to listen to it all day, every day.

From the first mechanical systems, it seems that inventors have spent a lot of time and effort devising new ways to alert people of visitors, from the first use of chimes to iTunes ringtones.

Today the major choice in doorbells is

whether to buy a wired or wireless version, and there seems to be a debate about which is better. While wired doorbell systems are still the preferred choice, wireless has caught the imagination of younger buyers who prefer living in a wire-free world.

Wired doorbells are cheaper than wireless, but more involved to install. Wireless can be up and running literally in minutes. Aesthetically, wired doorbells are more appealing, with many designs, shapes and materials from which to choose, while wireless models are more utilitarian in design. Wireless wins out on portability in that its receiver, whether battery operated or plug-in, can be moved around the house at will.

Sound quality and the range of tunes are clearly better on the wired models, while wireless can have flaky performance if there is outside interference.

With the advent of iTunes, sounds announcing visitors are limitless, much like telephone ringtones. I imagine what would best represent my personality in a customized sound.

How about, "The Gang's All Here?" Or maybe on a bad day, it might be the first four chords of Beethoven's Fifth.

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The first Macelleria (butcher shop, when translated) opened two years ago in Pelham and the group maintains a second in Armonk. The prestigious Michelin Restaurant Guide 2021 has recognized Macelleria as a "bib gourmet" establishment, one of only a handful in the suburban New York-area.

Tony, who had spent years at popular Nino's in Manhattan, will tend to the daily operation along with his brothers. The free-standing house previously operated as Char.

Begin a great meal at Macelleria with their fresh made jumbo crab cake appetizer served with an herbed mustard sauce, or a perky arugula salad, with arugula, navel orange segments, fennel, goat cheese and lemon vinaigrette.

As a main course, a beautifully marbled rib-eye steak is a tender hit served with a flavorful brandy peppercorn sauce on the side. Crave seafood? Go for the big diver



By Morris Gut

scallops served with asparagus, mushrooms, leeks and a touch of truffle butter. You might want to try the addictive home fries and garlic spinach as sides. Both entrees are large enough to share. For dessert, try their most extraordinary house made tiramisu.

Additional specialties to look for are steak tartare, slabs of Canadian bacon, spaghetti carbonara, pappardelle with short rib ragu, zuppa di pesce, even a classic burger. Carnivores should

consider the lamb chops, veal chop, New York strip steak, porterhouse or tomahawk steak for two. There is a choice of sauces.

Macelleria Italian Steakhouse is located at 2 S. Water St. in Byram, Conn. Open seven days for lunch and dinner. Reservations suggested. Info: 203-531-7050 or visit www.macelleriagreenwich.com. Macelleria Italian Steakhouse is also located at 111 Bedford Rd. in Armonk. Info: 914-219-5728 or visit www.macelleriaarmonk.com.

Diners Return to Emma's Ale House

Made a return visit for early dinner at Emma's after its closure due to the pandemic. Casey Egan, founder and owner of Emma's Ale House on Gedney Way, recently reopened the restaurant for dinner Wednesday through Sunday starting at 4 p.m. Plans are to



Salmon burgers at Emma's Ale House. Right: Tony LaLa at Macelleria.

expand hours in coming weeks, according to longtime manager Catherine DeLuca.

Since its opening more than a dozen years ago, I have always considered Emma's one of the best gastropubs in the county. From the start, Egan elevated his kitchen and cuisine, while keeping the ambiance casual and friendly.

After we sat down in the tavern room, we were served complementary house-made soft pretzels with a tangy mustard. For mains courses, there's the Guinness battered fish and chips, served with tartar sauce, cole slaw and



fries. I had my eyes on their burger selection and ordered a big salmon burger with spinach, tomato, onion, slices of avocado and a good chipotle ranch mayo. Portions were ample and we shared.

For dessert, there was the fresh creamy molten chocolate cake served with a scoop of homemade ice cream. A very filling and satisfying meal. A good selection of brews and wines are listed on the blackboard daily.

Emma's Ale House is located at 68 Gedney Way in White Plains. Open Wednesday through

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Edwin Way Teale: A Man for All Seasons With Thoughts for Friends on The Gulf Coast

By Brian Kluepfel

In 2018, while researching a book about Connecticut, I stumbled upon the life of author Edwin Way Teale, who lived in the state's "Quiet Corner." Teale's four-part book series on the seasons, written between 1951 and 1965, netted him a Pulitzer Prize. I found a summation of these tomes at the local library: The American Seasons condenses Teale's observations into a pithy 400+ pages. Teale's prose is from another time; another century, you might say. He traveled thousands of miles across the entire United States, and observed America's wild landscapes with wit and wonder (let it be said immediately that he couldn't have done it without his wife, Nellie, who was with him every step, and highway mile, of the way).

Of course, anyone named Teale is going to write about birds, eh? So I found a chapter dedicated to his visit with legendary Texas birder Connie Hagar, in Rockport—then and now, a birders' dream destination. Edwin and Nellie visited Rockport more than once on their criss-crossing of America. There is now a corner of Rockport where she lived most of her life named in her honor: Connie Hagar Wildlife Sanctuary, in Aransas, San Antonio Bay, Texas. Completely self-taught, Connie Hagar knew the few square miles she patrolled religiously better than the back of her hand. Abandoning a high-society life in Corsicana, Texas, the blossoming pianist instead became



fascinated with birdsong, discovered its plenitude on the gulf shores, and never left. She circumnavigated a four-by-seven-mile patch for decades; by the time she met the Teales, she had driven the same route 20,000 times, and more than 100,000 miles (for fifteen of those years, her faithful bird dog, Patch, was a quiet and helpful companion). Credit to Teale for bringing Hagar's landscape to life: "each day we saw the same vermilion flycatcher perched on a duck blind before a large live oak, standing out against its dark background like a glowing coal on a green hearth." Or this: "with the white pelicans wheeling like stately

battleships and the white egrets darting about like small destroyers, they reaped an abundant harvest." Teale's chapter concludes with a quote from Connie Hagar, in reply to his statement that Rockport certainly had enough birds. "Are there ever enough birds?" she replied. Brian Kluepfel is an author of 20+ Lonely Planet travel books covering the Americas, and a contributing author to Birdwatching Magazine. This article originally appeared in his brianbirdwatching blog. As tropical storm season wreaks havoc on the Gulf Coast so beloved by Teale and Connie Hagar, we send our thoughts and prayers to the residents of that region.

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Sunday from 4 p.m. Bar/lounge. Municipal parking; free evenings. Reservations accepted. Info: 914-683-3662 or visit www.emmasalehouse.com.

Greca Mediterranean on its Way!

Constantine (Dino) Kolitsas and his team are opening Greca Mediterranean Kitchen + Bar on Main Street in White Plains later this month. It is at the same multilevel site that previously housed Mediterraneo. Greca was another restaurant in New Milford, Conn.

Look for upscale Greek and Mediterranean specialties – a variety of meze, spiced head of cauliflower, spanakopita, falafel, moussaka, grilled fish, lamb chops, chicken santorini and fresh salads.

Greca Mediterranean, will be located at 189 Main St. in White Plains. Lunch and dinner will be served seven days. Info: 914-448-8800 or visit www.greacamed.com.

MPI Coming to Thornwood

Co-proprietor Steve Poli of bustling Morris Park Inn in the Bronx has taken a space in the Rose Hill Shopping Center in Thornwood.

It had previously operated as Skratch. If the Bronx restaurant is any indicator, there will be a full tavern menu. They are currently awaiting proper licensing. More on this as it develops.

MPI Thornwood will be located at 652 Columbus Ave. in Thornwood. Info: Visit www.morrisparkinnthornwood.com For a look into Morris Park Inn in the Bronx, call 718-239-4109 or visit www.morrisparkinn.com.

Ben's Kosher Deli Closing

The news came as a sad surprise to Jewish deli mavens in Westchester, but Ben Dragoon

of Ben's Kosher Delicatessen on Central Park Avenue announced the company has closed the Scarsdale location. The restaurant, which had been operating since 2015, officially closed on Aug. 23, but remained open to service orders for Rosh Hashanah last week.

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THERE'S A WORD FOR IT

A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

Fall Kick "Off" September brings the official beginning of fall along with the start of the football season. To mark these autumnal events, the words in the quiz this week all contain "off." This quiz should not be too off-putting, and you may find some words to add to your vocabulary this football season and throughout the off-season.

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| 1. scoff (v.) | A) to express derision | B) shuffle one's feet | C) search about |
| 2. offhand (adj.) | A) authorized | B) informal | C) disconcerting |
| 3. brushoff (n.) | A) an abrupt dismissal | B) a brief encounter | C) a quick refresher |
| 4. boffo (adj.) | A) not genuine | B) massive | C) extremely successful |
| 5. doff (v.) | A) to perform badly | B) remove | C) evade detection |
| 6. coffers (n.) | A) vital parts | B) detailed instructions | C) financial resources |
| 7. offal (n.) | A) an attack | B) waste material | C) the near future |
| 8. pantoffle (n.) | A) a utopian community | B) a map maker | C) a slipper |

- ANSWERS:**
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| 1. A. To show or express derision or scorn | 4. C. Extremely successful; great |
| 2. B. Performed or expressed without preparation | 5. B. To take off; remove |
| 3. A. An abrupt dismissal or snub | 6. C. Financial resources; funds; a treasury |
| for thoroughness; informal; casual | 7. B. Waste material or byproducts from a manufacturing process; refuse; rubbish |
| 8. C. A slipper | |

The Basics for Understanding Sparkling Wine



By Nick Antonaccio

Last week we explored sparkling wines as natural food-pairing accompaniments. Having (hopefully) piqued your curiosity, it is now time to explore the numerous facets of sparkling wine in the form of a primer.

1) What makes sparkling wines unique? It is carbon dioxide, created after the initial fermentation process. Once the standard fermentation process of converting the sugars in grapes to alcohol (with yeast as the catalyst), is concluded, the resulting still wine takes a divergent path from traditional aging methods. This base wine is subjected to a secondary fermentation, in which the resulting carbon dioxide is captured in the bottle or vat, rather than dissipated into the air. Voila, the signature bubbles of sparkling wine. Depending on the method used in this secondary fermentation, the crispness, balance, sweetness and the intensity and volume of bubbles will vary.

2) What methods are utilized in secondary fermentation? Amongst the multiple methods in practice today, there are three primary methods employed, depending on the tradition of the wine

region, the winemaker's prerogative or cost considerations.

The most complex and highly regarded is Méthode Champenoise. After the initial fermentation, yeast is added to each bottle of still wine and stored (racked) for several months, which in such tight quarters produces a highly concentrated effervescence. A single bottle may contain up to fifty million bubbles under pressure, creating the frenzy of froth when poured into a glass. Certain producers may blend up to six vintages, from up to sixty batches of wines, in varying proportions for a particular bottling (hence the term "NV," non-vintage, displayed on many labels). These wines tend to be the most expensive (\$30 to \$300 per bottle).

The second method is Charmat. Rather than create a secondary fermentation in the bottle, yeast (and perhaps sugar) is added to a large pressurized vat of still wine for the secondary fermentation. The resulting sparkling wine is bottled under pressure. These wines

tend to be light, delicate and very affordable (\$12 to \$20). The Italians use this method for producing their single varietal Prosecco wines. These wines tend to be

The third method is for cost conscious winemakers. Why wait for secondary fermentation to occur naturally? Just inject carbon dioxide directly into large vats of still wine (think soft drinks production). These



wines, with big, fast fading bubbles, are typically much less expensive; several are under \$10.

3) What names are assigned to sparkling wines? The specific terms tend to follow geography. Sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France are the only sparklers permitted to bear the designation "Champagne" on labels. Other French sparklers are typically referred to as "Cremant." The designation used in the United States is "sparkling wine." In Italy, Prosecco is the most widely produced style. A more concentrated bubbly style is spumante, while a less bubbly style is frizzante. Other Italian bubbly include Franciacorta, Lambrusco, Brachetto and Moscato.

In Spain, Cava ("Cellar") has become very popular in the last ten years. Made in the Méthode Champenoise, they tend to have the best traits of a sparkler, incorporating balanced effervescence, crispness and seductive flavors. It has become my favorite go-to summer wine, typically priced under \$20.

4) Which grapes constitute sparkling wine? Terroir typically influences the grapes grown. The most utilized grapes are Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. As blends, these produce a well-balanced, highly structured wine. Although terroir and winemakers' preferences determine the aroma and flavor profile, many Champagnes exude overtones of vanilla, citrus and a bright, bracing mouth feel. In Italy, Glera, a white grape, is widely grown and produces Prosecco, a lighter style, redolent of flowers, citrus or stone fruits. Spain's Cava is typically comprised of three indigenous white grapes: Xarel-lo, Macabeo and Parellada, which create a bright, earthy style. Chenin Blanc grapes are typically utilized in the Loire Valley and South Africa.

While I usually conclude with recommendations from valued local wine shops, the plethora of sparkling wines adorning wine shelves today, and their commensurate high quality, make individual recommendations unnecessary. Start experimenting. You won't be disappointed.

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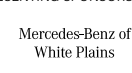
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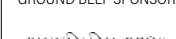
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