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Common Council Presented with Requests to Fund Capital Projects

By Bailey Hosfelt

Requested funds to aid capital projects in the White Plains Department of Public Works (DPW) and a one-year renewal of the city's current contract with Empress Ambulance Service were discussed at the Common Council special meeting/work session on June 27.

DPW Commissioner Stefania Mignone detailed the three capital projects, which include installing new control boards, card reader servers and software and cameras for the security of the Department of Public Safety building and all firehouses;

purchasing new heavy-duty vehicles and equipment; and annual maintenance of the city's municipal garages.

Among the new vehicles are a fire pumper, rescue vehicle, sewer jet truck, Zamboni for the ice rink, street paver and a bucket truck for forestry.

The rescue vehicle, which will mainly be used by the police, will feature a rescue hatch in the undercarriage and be equipped with medical benches that stretches can be locked into.

Mayor Tom Roach noted that the new rescue vehicle will replace an armored truck the city currently has in its fleet.

"This is a much heavier version of that," Roach explained. "Because I know that we're all concerned about the militarization of the police, this has no offensive weapons on it."

"If officers are inside, they could, if necessary, be able to fire out of it, but [the vehicle] itself does not have a water cannon or a gun on it," Roach added. "If we had an active shooter, it's a way to move people safely — either officers to get into the building where it's happening or to rescue people without putting [them] at risk. It's unfortunate that we have to have this type of equipment, but this is America today."

When discussing the requested purchase of new vehicles, Councilwoman Jennifer Puja asked Mignone whether supply chain issues will impact the ability of the city to acquire them.

"Are these already secured once it's approved, or are these things that still have to be shopped for, looked for, and tried to get?" Puja asked.

Mignone said once the vehicles are approved, they need to be specked and ordered.

"The supply chain has been a real issue and things have been delayed," Mignone

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YWCA Receives Grant from KeyBank



KeyBank Foundation recently presented to the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester a grant in support of YW Strive, a digital skills literacy and training program for low-income women in Westchester County. Working with \$100,000 annually for two years, the YWCA will scale its YW Strive program to provide at least 100 women (with an emphasis on women of color and low-income women) with essential digital and workforce support to improve their vocational opportunities. "KeyBank is a visionary partner to the YWCA, sharing our determination to empower all women, especially those who are most vulnerable, by providing free digital literacy training and internet access. The YWCA Residence is more than a safe and stable home for women; our broad services open doors to life-changing opportunities," said Isabella Malouf, Director of Residence and Clinical Services.

Dartmouth Sophomore from White Plains Gets TV Internship

By Rick Pezzullo

A White Plains High School graduate and sophomore at Dartmouth College has been selected for a prestigious Television Academy Foundation Internship Program.

Lauren Azrin was one of only 40 students chosen by Television Academy members from across the country for a paid, eight-week summer internship at top Hollywood studios and production companies.

Azrin, who is majoring in psychology and film, will be interning through the Internship Program in the unscripted television development department at Magical Elves production company in Los Angeles. Magical Elves is a producer of award-winning, nonfiction content known for Emmy® Award-winning hits like Top Chef and Top Chef: Last Chance Kitchen as well as Peabody Award-winning Project Runway.

"I am obsessed with all kinds of reality TV shows," said Azrin. "From baking and cooking shows to romance shows to competition shows to comedies to home design shows to business shows, I love it all! This internship is a chance for me to put my passion for storytelling to practice."

The Internship Program also provides



Lauren Azrin

professional development sessions with leaders in the television industry and

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Greenburgh to Receive \$5M from State to Extend Sidewalk

By Rick Pezzullo

The Town of Greenburgh is the recipient of a \$5 million grant from New York State to make long sought improvements to West Hartsdale Ave. and other areas.

Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado, State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins, State Assemblyman Tom Abinanti and Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced the funding for Greenburgh on June 23.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant will be utilized for improvements that will include: over one

mile of sidewalk extending from Four Corners (intersection of Central Ave./West Hartsdale Ave.) up West Hartsdale Ave. to Pat Capone Rd. connecting to three school campuses; two Adaptive Traffic Control Signals from Four Corners to the Hartsdale Train Station which will be synched to relieve congestion in the corridor; and pedestrian safety enhancements spanning all of the East Hartsdale Ave. downtown corridor.

"The Town Board of the Town of Greenburgh has made pedestrian safety a major priority for years," said Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner. "West Hartsdale

Ave. is the most significant gap in the town's pedestrian network and will be one of the most important infrastructure projects ever undertaken in the town. These projects will benefit businesses, residents and commuters throughout the town. The improvements will also strengthen the viability of redevelopment at Four Corners, which was the subject of a strategic land-use plan approved by the Town Board in 2019."

Feiner said Greenburgh has successfully partnered with New York State Department of Transportation on two prior TAP grant projects with a sidewalk recently completed

on Central Park Ave. and a sidewalk along Hillside Ave., soon ready for construction.

Greenburgh recently successfully partnered with Congressman Mondaire Jones to receive \$1,000,000 of Community Project funding for a new sidewalk along Dobbs Ferry Rd. which will connect West Hartsdale Ave. to Rt. 119-Tarrytown Rd., projected to be constructed in 2023.

The town will also soon construct a pedestrian activated HAWK signal at the intersection of Central Ave. and Lawton Ave., one block north of Four Corners. This signal will be the first of its type in the town, with construction to begin this month.

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said, noting that some vehicles ordered last year have not yet been manufactured. "Now there are some surcharges that are going into [purchasing new vehicles], which we weren't expecting."

If the purchases are approved and there are surcharges, Mignone said they will work with the vendors as best as they can to try to get prices down to where the target budget is.

Police Chief Joseph Castelli requested that the city's current contract with Empress Ambulance Service be extended by one year.

"We're at the end of a three-year contract, and it does call for an option of extending by a year twice — one year at a time," Castelli

said. "Empress has been a valuable partner. We think they do an exceptional job."

On average, the city gets 7,500 calls a year. Castelli said that, although their response time per the current contract must be under eight minutes and 59 seconds, their average response time is often under five minutes.

Previously, White Plains had three Empress-contracted ambulances before adding a fourth to handle the projected busy periods five days a week.

"We are going to take a look at that again to see if those five days are still the right five days," Castelli said. "That way, next year when this comes up again, if we have any adjustments or tweaks, we can talk about those."

Councilwoman Nadine Hunt-Robinson

asked if, in an emergency situation, such as an active school shooter, Empress would be able to sufficiently man a high-volume call.

Castelli highlighted that should White Plains have a situation where all four Empress-manned ambulances are overwhelmed and additional ones are needed, there is a mutual aid process in Westchester.

"In circumstances like that, 60 control, the country dispatch for fire/EMS, would be

activated, a mutual aid plan would be put in place and ambulances and other resources would be coming in," Castelli said, adding that the police department also trains its officers on various types of mass casualty events. "Within our own department, as well as county-wide, we have the training in place."

Common Council members will decide whether to approve these items at the regularly slated meeting on July 5.

White Plains Hospital Screening Under the Stars Returns July 15

Westchester County Parks and Sharc Creative present the White Plains Hospital Screenings Under the Stars, which kicks off with the musical comedy, Sing 2 (2021-PG) on Friday, July 15, at Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla.

"Outdoor movies bring back fond childhood memories. I hope Westchester County residents will start some treasured family traditions and take advantage of this wonderful program, which is possible thanks to our sponsors," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

Parks Commissioner, Kathleen O'Connor added, "Summertime is synonymous with outdoor movies, and Kensico's great lawn is the perfect spot to enjoy a free movie with family and friends on a warm summer night."

The gates open at 5:30 p.m. and movies begin at sundown. Event is rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. Moviegoers should bring blankets, folding chairs and a

picnic. Refreshments will be available for sale.

The other movies in the series are:

- Boss Baby 2: Family Business (2021-PG) on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
- Spider-Man: No Way Home (2021-PG 13) on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Glen Island Park, New Rochelle
- The Addams Family 2 (2021-PG) on Friday, Oct. 21, at Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson

The White Plains Hospital Screenings Under the Stars is presented by Westchester County Parks and Sharc Creative with Westchester Parks Foundation, and support from Westchester Talk Radio, 100.7 WHUD, 107.1 The Peak, Palisades Mazda, The Premier Collection, Look Dine-In Cinemas, Valley Bank, Hamlethub, Robison, LLP, Inspiria Outdoor Advertising, and Westchester Magazine.

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customized seminars covering personal brand building and navigating the job market ahead for participating students. Interns also become lifelong members of the Foundation's alumni family giving them access to events and networking opportunities as they build their careers in the industry.

"Getting a view of what it's like behind the scenes of the production of unscripted

television and gaining an understanding of how shows are created and conceptualized will help me to decide if this is the path I want to take after college," Azrin said.

Established in 1959 as the charitable arm of the Television Academy, the Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of television while educating and inspiring those who will shape its future.

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Levenberg Cruises to Victory in Dems' 95th Assembly District Primary

By Rick Pezzullo

Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg jumped into the driver's seat to succeed her former boss for the 95th Assembly District seat with a convincing Democratic primary win last week over two established opponents.

According to unofficial results from the Westchester and Putnam Board of Elections,

Levenberg finished comfortably ahead of former Peekskill councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo, 4,389-3,114. County Legislator Colin Smith was a distant third with 1,828 votes.

Levenberg thanked her supporters following her victory last Tuesday at Beanrunner Café in Peekskill and said "none of this would be possible" without the support of retiring Assemblywoman Sandy Galef. Levenberg served as communications director and then chief of staff prior to being elected Ossining supervisor in 2015.

"I am proud to be running a positive, truthful and transparent campaign, centered on building and sustaining healthy communities throughout the 95th Assembly District," Levenberg stated. "I've spent the past six months listening to voters share their hopes, concerns and what they need from state government and pledge to keep listening throughout this campaign and as your assemblywoman if elected. I'll continue Assemblywoman



Ossining Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg, right, celebrates her victory with her former boss, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef. Levenberg is the strong favorite to succeed Galef, who is retiring at the end of the year, to represent the 95th Assembly District.

Sandy Galef's practice of surveying residents and hosting town halls to ensure that I'm always aware of your priorities and ready to act on them."

She had been endorsed by former Peekskill mayor Andre Rainey, who was forced out of the race when his petitions were challenged by Smith, and Cold Spring

Mayor Kathleen Foley, among others.

At her victory celebration, Levenberg told Rainey that his support "helped turn the race around."

"I'm proud to have the most endorsements from individuals and organizations based here in the 95th District," she said. "I'm grateful to have so

many friends and colleagues who can attest to the reasons why I am best prepared to deliver effective representation for our district starting on Day One."

Agudelo, who had received some star power in her endorsements by the likes of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and progressive activist and "Sex and the City" star Cynthia Nixon, secured the Working Families line in the November election.

However, on Thursday, Agudelo said she would no longer be running for the position.

Stacy Halper, a 29-year Briarcliff Manor resident and retired music teacher, is running on the Republican and Conservative lines and will be Levenberg's opponent.

Smith congratulated his supporters as well as his two rivals in the primary.

"I want to thank everyone who supported my campaign for (state) Assembly," Smith said. "It was a great run but we, unfortunately, did not achieve the desired result. I would like to congratulate Dana Levenberg on a race well run and I look forward to supporting her in the months ahead to ensure that she becomes our next Assemblywoman for the 95th District. I also want to congratulate Vanessa Agudelo for also running an excellent race."

"We put our best foot forward," Smith added. "We left nothing on the table. I have no regrets. Tomorrow, I will get up just like I did today and continue to be an active participant in life and my community."



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Shimsky Defeats Incumbent Abinanti to Win 92nd Assembly District Primary

By Martin Wilbur

Westchester County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky (D-Dobbs Ferry) scored an impressive victory over six-term incumbent Assemblyman Tom Abinanti in the 92nd Assembly District's Democratic primary last week.

Shimsky won by more than 900 votes (5,580-4,660), according to unofficial results from the Board of Elections.

Shimsky, who gathered with supporters and friends in Tarrytown last Tuesday night, said her ability to listen to the residents of the district during the campaign and her years of responsiveness to constituents paid dividends in a campaign some believed would be an uphill battle.

"We got to talk to thousands of voters and listened to their concerns and talk about how I felt I would address them," Shimsky said moments after thanking her supporters and campaign volunteers. "I think this had a lot to do with the victory. I think my focus on certain issues that we do need more of a focus on, whether it's the flooding or the roads or the housing affordability, these are all things that counted, too."

Along with those issues, she said she would fight to ensure gun safety and a woman's right to choose.

Shimsky will be a heavy favorite to win the seat in November against Republican Carlo Valenti of Hawthorne in a district that has historically been tilted strongly in the Democrats' favor. Before Abinanti, who was elected to the seat in 2010, the district was



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky, center, was all smiles last Tuesday night after winning the Democratic primary in the 92nd Assembly District over six-term incumbent Tom Abinanti.

represented by Richard Brodsky for nearly 30 years.

Shimsky, who is term limited on the Board of Legislators when her current term expires at the end of 2023, had been Brodsky's community relations director before seeking elected office.

Abinanti, reached on Wednesday afternoon, said only that he will continue to work for the people of the district for the remainder of the year.

"I will continue providing services to the people of this district until Dec. 31 and I'm

going to Albany to vote (on Thursday) on legislation that will remedy the problems cause by the awful decision by the United States Supreme Court" regarding abortion, Abinanti said.

Abinanti has spent about 35 years in public office. Before his 12 years of service in the Assembly, he served on the Greenburgh Town Board and had a long stint on the Board of Legislators in the same seat that Shimsky now holds.

Despite a sizeable registration advantage, Shimsky indicated that her campaign would

not take the general election for granted.

"At this point there's obviously a lot of work that's going to have to be done (for) November," Shimsky said in the company of County Executive George Latimer, several colleagues on the Board of Legislators and a host of other Democratic elected officials in the district that comprises Mount Pleasant, Greenburgh and for the first time a small piece of northwestern Yonkers. "This race should not be too difficult, but as the county executive said, there's an awful lot going on in a lot of places that if we don't really do the very best we can, we can end up with a country that's in very horrendous shape."

While anytime an incumbent loses raises eyebrows, in hindsight the result might not have been all that surprising. Two years ago, Abinanti was challenged in the primary by Jennifer Williams, a virtual political unknown, who ran a competitive race before losing.

Despite a sometimes-bruising campaign, Shimsky thanked Abinanti for his public service.

"This has been a very spirited campaign, and I would like to congratulate my opponent, Tom Abinanti," Shimsky said. "He served this community, or parts of it, for 35 years. He has done some really good things in those 35 years and we honor his service."

When asked about what factors may have contributed to his defeat or what he might have been able to do differently, Abinanti refused to comment.

"I've taken the high road this far, I'll stay there," he said.



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Pleasantville Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban Adopted Into Law

By Abby Luby

After two years of discussions, a village-wide survey and three contentious public hearings, the Pleasantville Village Board voted unanimously last week to ban the use of fuel-powered leaf blowers from May 15 to Sept. 30.

The new law will go into effect May 15, 2023.

Electric plug-in and battery-operated leaf blowers are not impacted by the restriction. However, in compliance with the noise ordinance, the law prohibits the use of all leaf blowers from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday and 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. on weekends and federal holidays.

All leaf blowers will be allowed to be used from Oct. 1 through May 14 to help property owners during the fall leaf season and during spring clean-up.

Before voting, village Trustee Nicole Asquith, who initiated the effort to curb the use of gas-powered leaf blowers, briefly recapped how the board crafted the new law.

"Certain revisions were made. One was to put off the enactment of this law to next year, which gives us a year to get the word out," Asquith said.

Pleasantville joins most other municipalities in Westchester that now have leaf blower regulations on the books.

In 2020, the Pleasantville Conservation Advisory Council presented health and environmental justifications for banning

gas-powered leaf blowers. This spring, public hearings on the proposed law were held on May 9, May 23 and June 13.

During those two years, the village received hundreds of e-mails complaining about the adverse environmental and health impacts of noise and air pollution caused by gas leaf blowers used in their neighborhoods. Many complaints came during the pandemic when many worked from home and were disrupted by the noise of the fuel-powered blowers.

Opposing the ban were several landscaping companies, who claimed using electric blowers with limited battery power would result in it taking longer to complete work on a property and would jeopardize their businesses.

Some residents also said a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers would infringe on their rights as property owners. There was substantial pushback over an earlier version of the law that exempted the Pleasantville County Club and the Pleasantville School District from using electric leaf blowers.

The proposed law was revised, eliminating the country club exemption but allowing the school district to use fuel-powered motorized leaf blowers only to redistribute the infill on the playing surface of the natural turf fields when it is displaced by heavy rain.

Asquith said for those who have spent money buying the gas-powered equipment, there could be relief from the state.

"New York State is now considering a number of proposals, one of which is a rebate program for higher-grade electric-powered landscaping equipment that would be helpful to landscaping companies," Asquith said.

Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer said the board came to a compromise solution that reflected and respected all concerns.

"There's no action that we take that will be universally accepted by all, but I think

that I speak on behalf of all my colleagues that we're talking about a problem that (has) a significant and problematic impact on lots of our neighbors in this community," Scherer said. "For that reason, we are trying to balance the rights of individuals to manage their property as they wish but also the rights of neighbors to enjoy their property."

Friends of Yorktown Parks and Recreation Hole-in-One Contest

The 2nd Annual Friends of Yorktown Parks and Recreation Hole-in-One Contest will be held Saturday, July 16 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Downing Park ball field. The rain date is July 17.

Entry to the event is free and there will be something for all ages, including putting, pitching and a hole-in-one contest. Among the children's activities will be a jump castle and participation in the putting contest. There will be numerous prizes including gift certificates from area

restaurants, passes to area health clubs and prizes from local small businesses. There will also be opportunities to win prizes and cash in the raffle and 50/50 drawings.

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COUNTY COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax
Liens by Proceeding In Rem pursuant to
Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax
Law by The Village/Town of Mount Kisco

PETITION AND
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Index No. 1391/2022

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

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

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

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

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereof, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Custodian of Taxes, Village/Town of Mount Kisco, 104 Main Street, Mount Kisco, New York 10549. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day for redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 26th day of September, 2022.

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COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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

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

Dated: June 22, 2022

Enforcing Officer:

Joann F. Cerretani
Joann F. Cerretani
Village Treasurer
Receives 8/1/22

State of New York)
County of Westchester) ss.:

I, Joann F. Cerretani, being duly sworn, depose and say: I am the Enforcing Officer for the Village/Town of Mount Kisco. I have read this Petition which I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents. The contents of this Petition are true to the best of my knowledge, based upon the records of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco. I do not know of any errors or omissions in this Petition.

Joann F. Cerretani
Joann F. Cerretani
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Sworn to before me this
22nd day of June, 2022

Michelle K. Russo
Notary Public

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2021 Village Tax - \$ 8,782.49

Joann F. Carrotani
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Guest Column

The Spirit of '76: Protecting Us Against the Putin Playbook

As we gathered over the weekend to celebrate Independence Day, it's a good time to reflect on how our most fundamental freedoms have served this nation well.

It's an even better time to think about what would happen if those liberties were taken away.

Sadly, the latter doesn't take much imagination in 2022. Your closest video screen will show you scenes of Russian troops pummeling Ukraine with the support of a majority of the Russian people.

The Russian public has been told that their country is doing noble work ferreting out "Nazis" and that the West is engaged in its usual persecution of Russia and its people. Surveys say most Russians believe it.

In times of war, people always want to see their government as the good guys,



By Ken Paulson

but it's still a little hard to grasp how that many people can be so thoroughly misled.

That's the power of the Vladimir Putin playbook. The Russian president quickly and with little opposition eliminated the freedoms of speech and press.

First, Putin banded around allegations of "fake news," undermining domestic news media that had far more latitude than their Soviet Union counterparts.

Then he coordinated a plan with the national legislature to pass a law imprisoning those who "lied" about the war, including even calling it a war. Russian media of integrity had to close shop, and international journalists in Russia had to temper their reporting.

That left the internet as the one avenue for Russians to learn the truth about their country's misdeeds. Putin then banned

social media outlets and sharply limited access to international news sites.

In short order, the Russian people were isolated, left to believe their government's lies.

It took just weeks for Putin to wipe out freedoms of press, speech and dissent.

Could anything like that ever happen in the United States? As unlikely as it may seem, there are areas of concern. After all, over the past 60 years, certain presidents from both parties have misled the public about the purpose and progress of wars. And the use of "fake news" claims to evade responsibility began with politicians in this country, only to be adopted by totalitarian leaders around the globe.

Today there are active efforts to overturn New York Times v. Sullivan, the 1964 Supreme Court decision that made investigative reporting viable in the United States. And there are many politicians who want to control how private social media companies are run.

Do I believe that America could fall victim to something resembling the Putin playbook? No. But it's also no longer unthinkable.

It's not a coincidence that the first step would-be dictators take is to shut down the press. That eliminates questions and accountability, both of which are anathema to those who abuse power.

There are some today who choose not to be informed, saying the media are biased. Well, there are tens of thousands of media outlets in this country, including manipulative cable channels, partisan sites that masquerade as news providers and those sites that would entice us with clickbait. But there are also many core news organizations of integrity, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, PBS and the very newspaper you're reading right now. They're the ones we need to support with readership and subscriptions.

From the very beginning of this nation, Americans understood the importance of a free press aggressively reporting on people in power. In an era when newspapers were fiercely partisan and unfair, that first generation of citizens still insisted on journalists being protected by the First Amendment.

That shouldn't surprise us. After all, the model was right there in 1776 in the document we just celebrated.

The Declaration of Independence called out King George III, reporting a list of injustices perpetrated by the mother country against its colonies. We had "unalienable rights," it said, and they were being violated. Americans were no longer going to put up with this "long train of abuses and usurpations."

That is the same spirit with which America's free press has exercised its duties since 1791. Abolitionist newspapers took on slavery, suffragist papers focused on injustices against women and news organizations spanning centuries have reported on scandals, corruption and racial injustice.

We live in a highly polarized time, when it's easy to dismiss the views of those with whom we disagree and deride those who publish the facts we don't want to acknowledge.

We have to take care, though, that our internal political wars don't turn us away from the core principles contained in the Declaration of Independence.

We remain a free people and need to be vigilant in protecting our rights and documenting the abuses in people in power, not just when the other guy's party is in office. That's the real spirit of '76.

Ken Paulson is the director of the Free Speech Center, a non-partisan and non-profit center based at Middle Tennessee State University.

Letter to the Editor

Innuendo Over Campaign Contributions in Yorktown Was Nonsensical

In last week's Examiner, Steven Feinstein points out in his letter contributions of \$1,000 to the campaigns of Supervisor Matt Slater and Councilman Sergio Esposito by a local restaurant owner who wishes to build a hotel in one of the overlay districts created by the Town Board, which were created before Esposito's election. Is Mr. Feinstein hinting that these contributions were bribes? If so, let him say that; if not, let him drop the innuendo.

Business owners and individuals favoring a candidate who is supporting a position or project that they are in agreement with are well within their rights to contribute within

the legal limits to help elect that person. Mr. Slater has supported overlay districts long before he received this contribution.

Before one throws around such spurious nonsense, one might ask him or herself if Slater and Esposito would have opposed the overlay districts if some other party gave them more money; based on their past records, the answer is obviously no. It makes sense for people to help elect candidates who hold positions that will benefit the contributor.

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Yorktown

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Breaking the Hold of Mental Illness

A Pleasantville father turned the private pain from his son's suicide into public purpose



By Bailey Hosfelt

You are reading this week's print excerpt of an article from our Examiner+ newsmagazine-style email newsletter. To read the entire article and others like it, subscribe at www.examiner-plus.com to receive all of our bonus content.

On January 23, 2018, Brian and Jolina Halloran lost their middle son, Brian Thomas Halloran, to suicide from depression. A graduate of Pleasantville High School, Brian was a freshman on a scholarship at the University of South Carolina at the time of his death.

The day after he passed, Brian's father founded Break the Hold (BTH), a foundation committed to "Break the Hold" on mental illness — especially for

children and young adults — by providing educational and suicide prevention programming.

Recently, Examiner+ connected with Brian Halloran to learn more about the foundation he launched to honor his late son, its mission, current programming, and support from the Pleasantville community.

Examiner+: The day after you lost your son, you decided to found Break the Hold. Can you walk me through what was going through your mind at the time and how you decided that you wanted to start the foundation in Brian's honor?

Brian Halloran: I thought I was going to lose my mind. I had so much energy, pain, anger, frustration, and sadness, and I felt like I had to redirect it.

I came to the conclusion that I wanted to do something in my son's honor. I wanted to have some kind of tag for him, but I didn't want it to be the Brian Halloran Memorial Fund. His initials were BTH, so I created the name Break the Hold. It's an overarching saying that is supposed to mean breaking the hold on mental illness, suicide, and the difficulties of finding resources to help people in need.

E+: Today, BTH has a wide array of educational initiatives, including



Brian Halloran as a freshman at the University of South Carolina. (Photo courtesy of the Halloran family)

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) programming at the high school and middle school levels. Can you tell me about this work?

Halloran: When we started BTH, we started doing awareness-type events. We did some college transition seminars for seniors in high school. My son passed away as a freshman in college. That's a very critical time [with] a lot of risk factors while you're away, not at home, and with new people.

We wanted to do something a little bigger,

and we knew that Pleasantville High School had a club called Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Skills Training for Emotional Problem Solving for Adolescents (DBT Steps-A) for students who are high-risk or could use some resources and counseling. I think it was underutilized, and a lot of people that needed it did not go to it. It was a completely voluntary thing.

We found that DBT Steps-A was a curriculum developed by Dr. Alec Miller, who founded Cognitive and Behavior Consultants in White Plains. They made it into a 32-hour curriculum. We thought it would be great to bring it directly to the school. What pivoted us in this direction was, in July 2018, New York State mandated that mental health instruction needed to be taught in high school curriculums

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Obituaries

Gregory Goldhorn

Gregory G. Goldhorn of Indian Lake, N.Y. and formerly Yorktown Heights, died June 28 after a brief illness. He was 57.

Born in Mount Kisco, Greg was the son of Robert J. Goldhorn and Beverly J. Goldhorn. In 1982, Greg graduated from Yorktown High School and worked for BASF (formerly known as The Mearl Corporation and Engelhard Corporation) in Peekskill for over 30 years as a production supervisor. On June 19, 1998, Greg married the late Patricia A (Dicken) Rivera and had their son, John R. Goldhorn, several years later.

Greg remarried on June 4, 2011, to his sweetheart Elizabeth (Liz) Reynolds Palumbo. Greg had a passion for antique cars, restoring tractors, hunting and riding his Harley in the Adirondack Mountains. Greg deeply loved his family and friends and especially enjoyed spending time with his special friends he called his "Adirondack Family" in Indian Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Liz) Goldhorn, his son, John R. Goldhorn, and his daughter, Samantha A. Palumbo, all of Indian Lake; his mother, Beverly J. Goldhorn, and his brother, Jeffrey S. Goldhorn, both of Yorktown Heights; his uncle and aunt, Gary J. Goldhorn and Norma Goldhorn, of Mooresville, N.C.; and his two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Taffy and Peanut. Greg's father predeceased him in 2014.

Greg will always be remembered for his



Gregory Goldhorn

radiant smile, hearty laugh, dedication to the ones he loved and driving his big red truck "Dadsride."

Visiting hours were on July 1 at Beecher Flooks Funeral Home, Inc. in Pleasantville. Funeral services were held on July 2, also at the funeral home. Burial followed at Amawalk Hill Cemetery in Yorktown Heights.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Cavalier Rescue USA c/o Carolyn Stigler, 6400 North Paseo Tamayo, Tucson, Ariz. 85750. For information, call 520-268-8284 or visit www.cavalierrescueusa.org.

Francine Croughan

Francine Margaret Croughan was born on Mar. 15, 1954, to Joan Mary and John Joseph Colacurcio of Yonkers. She passed away on June 30 after a short but fierce battle with pancreatic cancer.

Fran always lived in service to others, loving deeply and giving generously. All those who knew Fran considered themselves extremely lucky to have been touched by her kindness and receive her wisdom and guidance. She encouraged everyone she loved to live up to their potential and be their best selves. Fran helped edit many college essays and write many job recommendations to ensure the young people in her life could excel.

Joy through recreation was her passion. As the deputy commissioner of the White Plains Recreation and Parks Department, she was extremely skilled at designing programs and events that filled the streets of the City of White Plains with laughter and smiles. She was the visionary behind the Independence Day celebration at White Plains High School and the downtown New Year's Eve ball drop, which are both enjoyed by thousands of people, young and old, each year.

As a child, Fran spent summers with her siblings and cousins at the family cabin on Candlewood Lake. Later in life, Fran and her husband, James Croughan, could often be found there on their pontoon boat, reliving childhood memories and instilling a love of water in their grandkids.

Bringing people together was one of the things that made Fran the happiest. Every year for about three decades, she packed and organized food, games and camping equipment to ensure that more than 20 family members and friends could spend a week enjoying the summer sun and ocean at Montauk's Hither Hills. After a full day at the beach, Fran always planned activities to make the nights just as fun, such as having a neon dance party under the stars.

She loved visiting America's national parks with her husband, younger brother Joey and sister-in-law Tammy, and marveled at the incredible natural wonders our country has to offer. Just this past March, she and James traveled overseas for the first time on a long-awaited trip to Ireland.

Fran was proud of her faith and served as the youth director for the Gilead Presbyterian



Francine Croughan

Church for about 17 years. There she helped create inclusive events that strengthened the community and taught the church's youth about the importance of service through Midnight Runs to New York City.


Fran cherished her friendships and considered her closest friends, Joyce and Mark and Tony and Denise and their children and grandchildren, to be family. She was married to James for 42 amazing years, and together they created a beautiful life in Mahopac.

She was the most incredible mother to her daughters, Dr. Alison Croughan Engelhardt and Beth Gary, and her nephew, Michael Lindberg, and their spouses, Adam Engelhardt, Mark Gary and Dawn Lindberg, respectively. She was the most amazing Nana to Anna, Kate, Gavin, Callie, Ryan, Grey and Wes, and the best Aunt Fran to Joey, Sara and her wife, Tara, Travis, Drew, Katherine, Mackenzie and Jacob.

She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Patricia, and her sisters-in-law, Patricia and Mary Ellen. She was predeceased by her daughter, Michelle, her parents, her father-in-law, Bill, and her sister, Debbie.


All those who knew and loved her will honor her legacy by lacing up their ice skates, paddling in their kayaks, splashing in the ocean waves and making it a point to have fun each and every day. She taught us to laugh often, make memories, show kindness and enjoy all that we are blessed to have.


A celebration of life will be held in September.



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Hochul Signs Enhanced Gun Safety Law Following Special Session

By Martin Wilbur

Gov. Kathy Hochul signed legislation Sunday that bolsters restrictions on concealed weapons, one of two initiatives approved in a special session held last week by the state legislature.

The second action by the legislature amends the state Constitution to guarantee reproductive healthcare for women as well as elevating the rights of millions of residents in regard to their ethnic, LGBTQ or disability status.

The gun measure, which was approved by lawmakers eight days after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the state's previous law that required a gun owner to have proper cause to carry a concealed firearm, makes it a crime to carry guns in one of 15 types of locations. Those include public transportation, schools, libraries, playgrounds and other spots where children gather, entertainment venues, bars and restaurants that serve alcohol and houses of worship.

"A week ago, the Supreme Court issued a reckless decision removing century-old limitations on who is allowed to carry concealed weapons in our state – senselessly sending us backward and putting the safety of our residents in jeopardy," Hochul said in a statement. "Today, we are taking swift and bold action to protect New Yorkers."

Other key features of the bill enhance safe storage of guns by increasing the age limit so that safe storage laws apply if a minor under the age of 18 lives in the home and ensuring that a person cannot leave a weapon in a car outside of their possession unless the weapon is in a lockbox.

Licensing requirements for concealed carry include an interview with a licensing officer, a minimum of 16 hours of weapons safety training, contact information and character references and a list of social media accounts to confirm character and proper conduct.

Felons and those who have committed certain offenses, such as drunk driving and assault within the past five years, are also disqualified from carrying a concealed weapon.

Assemblyman Chris Burdick (D-Bedford) said amending the state Constitution to protect the rights of women and various classes of people was vital; however, abortion is still legal in New York despite the June 24 U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Meanwhile, the lapse of strong gun legislation presented an immediate danger to New York residents.

"I think the urgency is greater with respect to gun safety because a law that we passed that has been very strongly supported by the people of the state of New York has been thrown out," Burdick said.

State Sen. Peter Harkham (D-Lewisboro) said that in passing both the gun safety legislation as well as codifying abortion in the state Constitution demonstrates that New York "will not be held hostage to ideologues."

"These are common-sense gun safety regulations that any law-abiding resident will have no problem adhering to," Harkham said regarding the gun law.

As expected, state Republican Committee Chairman Nick Langworthy slammed the

new law, arguing that criminals are leaving fail but those who follow the law are getting penalized.

"This bill is a political charade that makes New Yorkers less safe," Langworthy said. "Only under the insanity of New York Democrats can you get out of jail free for possessing an illegal firearm, but be targeted by the government for being a law-abiding citizen exercising your constitutional rights."

The new amendment to the state Constitution, when enacted, will grant protections to women, LGBTQ New Yorkers, and New Yorkers of color; all while protecting the rights of people to practice their religion.

Furthermore, the amendment states that discrimination based on pregnancy, pregnancy

outcomes and reproductive healthcare is unconstitutional. The amendment codifies, for the first time, that sex-based discrimination is unconstitutional, therefore protecting marriage equality.

"We are, once again, making certain that all New Yorkers are equal – and will stay equally protected by our laws," Harkham said.

Gov. Kathy Hochul signs one of the bills passed at a special session of the state legislature late last week, which strengthens gun laws in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's June 23 ruling against New York's previous conceal carry law.



A colorful poster for "SUMMER CONCERT SATURDAYS" at PUGSLEY PARK 2022. The poster features a large purple banner with the text "FREE SUMMER CONCERT SATURDAYS PUGSLEY PARK 2022". Below the banner, it says "GRAB LUNCH from your favorite restaurant or a snack from the Peekskill Farmers Market. Bring your LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET." A circular inset shows a man playing a saxophone. The date and time are "JULY 9TH Ray Blue Quartet 12:30pm – 2:00pm (Jazz)". At the bottom, it says "In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled. For more information visit: www.discoverpeekskill.com Scan this QR Code to take out lunch from your favorite restaurants. SPONSORED BY THE PEEKSKILL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

Police Blotter

County Police/Mount Kisco

June 28: Officers responded to Northern Westchester Hospital at 11:19 p.m. after staff reported that a woman arrived at the hospital seeking to be admitted but had no medical emergency. After speaking with the woman, officers contacted the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team, which made arrangements for temporary shelter. Family members and the Department of Social Services were also advised.

June 29: A business owner arrived at the Green Street precinct at 12:52 p.m. to report that a former employee had apparently stolen more than \$500,000 from the business over a seven-year period. Detectives were provided with copies of business records. An investigation is underway.

July 1: An employee at an East Main Street business reported at 10:34 a.m. that the catalytic converter on her car was removed from the vehicle while it was parked there the previous day. The victim said she took the car to her mechanic after work because of loud noise and fumes, and she learned that the catalytic converter had been stolen.

Croton-on-Hudson Police Department

June 21: Patrols responded to a village park at 4:16 p.m. for a call regarding three subjects forcing entry into a building. Patrols and the Detective Division subsequently arrested two Croton-on-Hudson women, 18

and 19, and an 18-year-old El Cerrito, Calif. man for third-degree burglary.

June 21: A caller reported at 4:41 p.m. that a woman was struck by a vehicle on South Riverside Avenue. Croton EMS responded and transported the patient to Westchester Medical Center.

New Castle Police Department

June 21: A Sleepy Hollow man was arrested at 9:30 a.m. for driving with a suspended driver's license.

June 21: A White Plains man was arrested at 7:45 p.m. for driving with a suspended driver's license.

June 21: Officers responded to the Chappaqua train station platform on the report of an unattended bag at 1:30 p.m. MTA police responded, and the bag was found to contain food.

June 23: Detectives investigated an anonymous tip related to a possible suicidal youth.

June 28: Officers took a harassment complaint from a resident regarding threatening Facebook messages. The complainant stated that a person from Florida was threatening him because the person believed he was having an affair with his wife. The complainant wanted to have the incident documented.

June 29: A Danbury man was arrested at 10:30 a.m. for driving with a suspended driver's license.

June 30: Officers responded behind Town Hall on a report of a small fire on the

basketball court. Officers arrived and found a smoldering black sweatshirt on the court. The fire was extinguished, and possible witnesses were canvassed. The matter is under investigation.

North Castle Police Department

June 24: Report of a deceased rabbit at 9:31 p.m. at IBM Park near the bleachers of the second baseball field past the tennis bubble. It is causing a foul odor in the area. The Parks Department was notified for removal.

June 27: A complainant reported at 9:29 a.m. that a check was stolen from her checkbook and used to withdraw several thousand dollars from her bank account.

June 28: A complainant arrived at headquarters at 8:30 p.m. to report that his debit card was fraudulently used to withdraw \$400 from an ATM machine at the CVS on Main Street.

June 29: Caller reported at 3:15 p.m. that a female fainted in the locker room at Equinox gym on Business Park Drive but is currently conscious and alert and is requesting an ambulance. The call was successfully transferred to 60 Control. The responding officer reported that that party was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital.

Pleasantville Police Department

June 27: A 34-year-old Pleasantville woman was arrested at 12:03 a.m. on Bedford Road after her vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation. It was discovered her license had been suspended. She was released on her own recognizance pending a future court date.

July 1: A hazardous condition was reported at 5:49 a.m. on Sunnyside Avenue after a tree fell in the roadway. DPW was notified and had the tree removed shortly after it was reported.

July 1: Report of a stolen vehicle from a property on Lake Street at 1:19 p.m. It was later found in the Key Food parking lot. An investigation is continuing.

State Police

June 29: State police BCI in Kingston arrested Yariel Villegas, 24, of Carmel, for second-degree grand larceny and third-degree identity theft, both felonies. On Oct. 7, 2021, police were notified by Mid-Hudson Valley Credit Union for a larceny of \$131,206.51. An extensive investigation was launched that led police to Villegas. The investigation revealed that Villegas opened a fraudulent account with the credit union using the stolen identity of another individual. He then made numerous expensive purchases throughout the region, including jewelry, clothing and airline tickets. Villegas was arraigned in Town of Ulster Justice Court and released on his own recognizance.

White Plains Police Department

June 26: Donart Thomas was charged with second-degree assault for hitting a co-worker with a metal bottle rack at the Cheesecake Factory at 1 Maple Ave.

June 30: Munshi Abdul-Masjud was arrested for selling alcohol to a minor at the Shell gas station at 115 W. Post Rd.

Yorktown Police Department

June 25: A 13-year-old Yorktown boy was charged with juvenile delinquency after allegedly punching and kicking a victim while they were on the bike path next to the firehouse on Commerce Street.

June 26: Kevin and Ingrid Richards, both 45, were charged with second-degree criminal nuisance for hosting an alleged underage drinking party with about 200 attendees that took place at their home on Clover Hill Lane in Ossining.

Editor's note: The policy of providing names for people who have been arrested varies between each department.



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Woman Indicted for Stealing \$340G From Paint Supply Company

The former controller of a North Castle-based paint supply company was indicted last week for allegedly stealing more than \$340,000 from the business over a two-year period.

ToniAnn Rosado, 51, of Orlando, Fla., who worked for CR Wallauer & Company, faces the felony charges of second-degree grand larceny and first-degree falsifying business records, according to the Westchester County District Attorney's office. Rosado was arraigned before Judge Robert Prisco on June 23.

Rosado was arrested on June 6 by

U.S. marshals in Orlando on June with assistance from the Fugitive Unit of the Orange County, Fla. sheriff's office for her role in the scheme. Authorities said she stole the money between 2017 and 2019.

She is scheduled to appear again in county court this Friday, July 8.

The investigation was conducted by the Economic Crimes Bureau of the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

--Martin Wilbur

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS



Pleasantville Music Festival



Overcoming Hurdles, the Pleasantville Music Festival Returns

By Martin Wilbur

The world has changed in so many ways since the last time the Pleasantville Music Festival was held in 2019.

Local music fans who have flocked to the village, typically on the second Saturday of July, for a day of sun (hopefully!), good vibes and great music will get the chance to return to Parkway Field for the 16th annual festival this weekend.

Spectators will find the setup very similar to previous years, with continuous music for about nine hours starting at noon on three different stages featuring a variety of well-known bands and local and regional groups, delicious food and drink, vendors and a day to sit back and enjoy.

Of course, for the organizers, this promises to be a frenetic week of preparation where a 7,200-resident village tries to pull off a major event, mobilizing a small battalion of volunteers who help make it all possible.

"The good news is we've got a lot of folks who've done this before," said Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer. "The challenge is we haven't done it in three years, so those of us who've done it before have to remember what exactly the hell we did. But I'm really optimistic. There isn't any doubt that everybody's drinking from a firehose the last week, but it's all in service of a great goal and getting back live on the field for the festival is a consummation that is about to be realized."

To have a successful music festival you have to have great music, and that's the case again this year despite an unexpected curveball last week. The headliner is X Ambassadors, which represents a bit of a departure for the festival, said Director Bruce Figler.

"We have never had a headliner in their prime," Figler said of the group best known for their hits "Renegade," "Jungle" and "Unsteady." "X Ambassadors is a band that hasn't been around that long and normally our headliners are bands that made their name decades ago."

They will be preceded on the Main Stage by Crash Test Dummies, Black Joe Lewis & The Honeybears, Glenn Tilbrook of Squeeze and Clare Maloney & The Great Adventure. Grammy Award-winner Paula Cole leads the lineup on the Chill Tent Stage while Illiterate Light does the same on the Party Stage.

Plus, the festival's three top Battle of the Bands finishers, Platinum Moon, Carter-Quinn Tanis and Noshows, will kick off the day's music on the each of the three stages.

Figler had some unwanted excitement last week when 10,000 Maniacs canceled their appearance along with the rest of their summer tour because of health issues in the band. The scramble was on to find a replacement to slide into the hour opening before X Ambassadors goes on the Main Stage.

Less than 48 hours later, the festival was able to secure the Canadian alternative rock



Music fans will descend on Parkway Field this Saturday for the Pleasantville Music Festival, returning for the first time since 2019. The event was canceled the past two years due to the pandemic.

band Crash Test Dummies, and Figler was grateful they were able to pinch hit.

"Our hearts go out to the band. We wish them a quick return to health," Figler said of 10,000 Maniacs. "The festival will go on, adapting as we have all learned to do lately. We are pumped to welcome Crash Test Dummies to the Festival."

Scherer was also grateful this year that Northwell Health, which operates Phelps and Northern Westchester hospitals, stepped in to be the exclusive presenting sponsor.

"I'm just pleased to think that Northwell is coming and seeing this as an opportunity to be more visible in the community they serve," he said.

Capacity will be roughly 5,000, the same as previous years. Masks at Parkway Field will be optional.

The gates at Parkway Field on Marble

Avenue will open at 11 a.m. with the music scheduled to be at about noon. Through Tuesday, tickets will be \$60 for adults (ages 22-64), \$30 for seniors (65 and up) and students (12-21). Children under 12 years old are admitted free if they are accompanied by an adult with a ticket.

From Wednesday, July 6 through Friday, July 8 ticket prices increase to \$65 and \$32, respectively. At the gate on Saturday prices will be \$70 and \$35.

For those driving to the festival, there's parking at the Pace University campus at 861 Bedford Road. There will be free shuttle bus service to the field.

For more information, including on all the bands, and tickets, visit www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com.

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Pleasantville Music Festival



Young Musicians Set to Relish the Moment in Music Festival Spotlight

By Martin Wilbur

One of the thrills for new up-and-coming Westchester-based bands is a chance to play the Pleasantville Music Festival.

It's no different this year for the three winners of the festival's annual Battle of the Bands, a competition that starts in the winter with groups and performers up through 25 years old sending in tapes and concludes in the spring with the final round performances and announcement of the winners.

Anton Klettner, a founding member of the band Platinum Moon along with his brother Joseph, will be the first group on the Main Stage at about 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. The possibility of winning that coveted spot in the festival lineup is the reason they entered.

"I just think to have the opportunity to be able to spread our music to a very large population and to perform on the big stage with a lot of people, that's what drove us to participating and we're definitely very excited to be performing for a lot of people," Klettner said.

The brothers, who were classically trained and grew up and live in South Salem, are Platinum Moon's guitarist and keyboardist. They are accompanied by lead singer Ava Andruze of Mount Kisco and drummer Ethan Grosman of Putnam Valley. Grosman joined after being told that a band was looking for a drummer by his music instructor.

Anton Klettner described their music as



Members of the band Noshows, one of the three Battle of the Bands winners that will be performing at this year's Pleasantville Music Festival.

classic rock with a modern twist.

He and Joseph, who had been playing since taking lessons as young children, learned of Andruze through a performance on a YouTube video. They sought to contact her when looking for a lead singer for the band. Andruze was a bit wary of the overture.

"Hearing from somebody you've never met before, that's always a big question mark because you don't know how dedicated somebody is, you don't know how much effort they put into what they do," Andruze said. "But I think the moment that I heard all of us play together these great rock songs – we didn't start with originals – but the more I heard us play all together I knew just how

talented everyone was in the group and I could see a really amazing future ahead for us."

Noshows, launched by Max Satow of Chappaqua, and Pleasantville singer-songwriter Carter-Quinn Tanis, will kick off the festival at noon on the Party Stage and Chill Tent, respectively.

Noshows is led by singer and guitarist Max Satow, who grew up in Chappaqua. He met bass player Zach Munowitz in high school and have been playing together ever since. Satow met drummer Isaac Pincus at upstate Bard College. Pincus and Amadeo Corey, the keyboardist, are from Manhattan. Satow's brother, Dylan, plays trumpet.

"A couple of years ago I never thought something like this would have been possible," Satow said of playing a festival for the first time, one that has attracted as many as 5,000 people. "I guess to me it was that all the hard work has kind of paid off, all this time playing music and grinding it out and getting the band together and all that and all the practicing that we do and everything, to me it just means like all of that is worth it."

They described their music as an eclectic blend of hip-hop, funk, jazz and alternative rock. Like all the Battle of the Bands winners, adapting to a large venue will be a new experience. They've performed at venues throughout the city, including The Nest in Brooklyn and Bowery Electric.

Pincus said each club they've played offers a very different set of conditions and they've been able to adapt.

"We focus on just playing in very different practice spaces and learning to move through the set so that we're able to take on anything," he said.

For Tanis, who grew up in Pleasantville, securing a spot in the festival is the thrill of a young career. The recent Berklee College of Music graduate had hoped to attend the festival when KT Tunstall played several years ago, but was unable to go that day.

"I've been like growing up seeing all these people coming to Pleasantville and now it's

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In Tumultuous Times, Paula Cole Brings Music to Lift Up and Inspire

By Abby Luby

Singer-songwriter Paula Cole has released 13 albums celebrating a rich, creative trajectory of deeply heartfelt songs starting with her 1996 triple Grammy-nominated single "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?"

She won a Grammy Award in 1998 for Best New Artist, and among her earlier megahits was "I Don't Want to Wait," the theme song for the television series "Dawson's Creek."

Her latest album, "American Quilt" was released last year.

Appearing with Cole this Saturday at the Pleasantville Music Festival will be stellar musicians Rich Hinman on guitar and pedal steel, Ross Gallagher on upright bass and vocals and R.J. Miller on drums.

Cole said she adapts her set lists to personal and social energies.

"I have a lot of songs about women empowerment and songs to help us lift ourselves out of difficult times," said Cole, who will headline in the Chill Tent at the festival. "I will perform songs to hopefully inspire and galvanize everyone. I also celebrate the LGBTQ+ community who is very supportive of me. I'll sing and play songs that hopefully spark some joy."

Realizing how today's polemic discourse is so prevalent, Cole said giving her

audiences support is essential.

"Women need to be heard since Friday, June 24, a day of infamy when Roe v. Wade was overturned and childbearing women, at the moment of fertilization, have lost all their bodily rights should they live in a red state. This is a barbaric and shocking steal of civil rights."

The pandemic was difficult for many musicians who are regularly on the road to perform for live audiences. Cole made up for it by performing a live song online via social media every Sunday for more than 18 months.

"I could provide a soothing balm of music during a turbulent time," she recalled. "It was called 'Sunday Evening Songs' and it was an important connection for me and my fans through the fear and sadness. Those performances are still available to view. Just me at my living room piano. I learn a lot from communicating with my fans."

Time off from touring during the pandemic was also restorative for Cole. The down time propelled her into a phase of introspection, inspiring her to write a spate of new songs.

"I've been the most prolific I've ever been this past year," she said. "You'll be hearing the new music over the next year-and-a-half."

It was during this time that Cole wrote the gripping song "Steal Away/Hidden



Grammy Award-winner Paula Cole brings her selection of heartfelt songs to the Pleasantville Music Festival on Saturday.

in Plain Sight," a song on the "American Quilt" album. Cole was inspired by the book "Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad," written by Jacqueline L. Tobin and Raymond G. Dobard. It is a story about the struggles of enslaved women who stitched elaborate

and encoded quilts that served as roadmaps to escape via the Underground Railroad.

"The song is a quilt," Cole explained. "Every verse is a quilt square telling the wisdom of the pattern, which helped people find their tools and directions on a path to freedom to Canada. I'm always looking to grow as a songwriter. I look to other sources constantly; I use art, media and, of course, music."

Cole has been mentoring students on songwriting at Berklee College of Music for nine years and is currently writing a book on it.

"I've been teaching the finer points of songwriting, and with my experience as an artist and writer, I have something to say about it," she said. "I believe in trying to be the best person you can be; you will be the best songwriter you can be."

Post-performance, Cole would usually share a personal hello with her admirers but because of COVID-19 and as a caregiver for her elderly parents, she no longer meets and greets her fans. "

"My fans have enjoyed decades of my hugs after shows, and they'll just have to remember that and let me off the hook now," Cole explained. "I'm so happy to be back at performing with my beautiful band and my loyal fans and very thankful to them for bringing me to Pleasantville."

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Hudson Valley Singer-Songwriter Gets Second Chance at P'ville Music Fest

By Abby Luby

It's no wonder that many of Greg Jacquin's folk rock songs are about life in Westchester and its people. The Hudson Valley native recorded several albums in the 1990s, took a hiatus and returned to release his 2018 work "Hudson River" to rave reviews.

A year later his next album, "Clocks Slow Down," offers a wide range of musical muses of heartache, humor and a touch of political commentary. Jacquin has delighted audiences with a voice that is both soft and melodic as well as tough and gritty.

"I'm playing songs off my two albums, Hudson River and Clocks Slow Down,"

Jacquin said of his upcoming set this Saturday at the Pleasantville Music Festival's Chill Tent where he will be accompanied by guitarist Rich Berta and pianist Christine Chanel.

Songs on his playlist will include "The Station," "Highways & Hotels," "Yesterdaze" and "Floating."

Before the pandemic Jacquin said he had been organizing singer-songwriter showcases around the country and embarking on a couple of tours. There were few options available when COVID-19 shut down live performances.

"When everything stopped the only thing available for most of us was livestreams," Jacquin said. "That was okay and it was good

to connect with other musicians, but it got old very quickly. Musicians thrive on the contact with the crowd."

During the pandemic Jacquin said he started writing a few new songs.

"It's been difficult and the songs aren't finished. I will definitely be getting back to writing," he said.

Last year, Jacquin, who lives in Tarrytown, opened the record store Marquee Records, located on the second floor of the Tarrytown Music Hall. Jacquin had performed on its stage several times as well as having been a volunteer there for years. He always wanted to open a record store and the opportunity came when the theater closed at the pandemic's outset.

Jacquin's idea was to sell donated and new vintage vinyl records to help keep the theater running. It was an instant success. In two days, sales reached \$8,000 and the store became a permanent fixture at the theater.

"We raised a ton of money for the theater," Jacquin recalled.

The store sells records from the 1920s through the 1990s. Some recordings are by performers who are still touring.

Because of his commitment to the music hall, Jacquin was made front-of-house manager when the venue reopened.

"Being house manager and managing the record store is a lot of fun and very rewarding,"



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Folk rock singer-songwriter Greg Jacquin will be among the local artists performing at this year's Pleasantville Music Festival.

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like I'm the one who gets to do it," Tanis said. "It's fun."

While Tanis studied musical theater in school and much of the work done at school is in that realm, this will be the first time they will be focusing on original material for a performance.

Tanis also likes to focus on writing songs with a story. One song, "Old School," was written after a chance encounter in the summer of 2020 waiting for a COVID-19 test in Boston. Tanis struck up a conversation

with a man who had been an announcer for some big-time rock shows in the 1960s and '70s.

Don't be surprised if you see Tanis pull out the baritone ukulele.

"So it's been really interesting these past few months performing as Carter-Quinn Tanis rather than just writing songs for other people and for other musicals and stuff," Tanis said. "So this is going to be my first time, actually, performing with background vocalists and multiple instruments on one set. So there's a lot of first for this festival."

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BOL Passes Law Requiring Flood Disclosure History to Tenants

The Westchester County Board of Legislators last week moved to protect renters in the face of the increasing dangers of flooding as a result of climate change.

On June 27, the board unanimously passed a measure to require property owners to disclose the flood history of a building prior to the signing of a lease with a tenant. The measure applies to both residential and commercial leases.

Legislator Catherine Parker (D -Rye), who sponsored the measure, said the devastating effects of climate change-related flooding in her district and elsewhere called on lawmakers to support the action.

"This law will create transparency to protect renters – the way buyers are protected by disclosure requirements – and provide renters with a safety net by giving them a remedy to recover damages they may suffer if a landlord fails to disclose the flood history of the property they are renting," Parker said.

Under the law, the county's Planning Department will create a Flood Disclosure Form, that will be available on the department's website, for property owners to use to comply with the notification requirement.

If flood history is not disclosed before a lease is signed, and a renter subsequently suffers flood damage, the law will give the renter the right to sue to recover damages.

Landlords must make the disclosure if the property has flooded at least once during the 10 years immediately preceding the date of the lease and has caused flood damage to any portion of the premises. If a renter sublets the property, they will also be responsible to disclose the information.

Legislator Colin Smith (D-Peekskill), chair of the board's Legislation Committee, said anyone should expect the type of protection that the measure affords renters.

"This law creates no special burden on property owners other than to tell the truth and be transparent about a property's flood history, creating a fair and open playing field for renters," Smith said.

"It will protect both renters and property owners, who can be assured that they will not be liable for any damages as a result of failing to disclose a property's propensity for flooding."

The measure will apply only to leases signed after the law becomes effective Aug. 15. More on the legislation can be found at <https://bit.ly/3mIg3Df>.

County Legislator Catherine Parker's bill to require landlords to disclose a property's flooding history to tenants was unanimously approved by the Board of Legislators last week.



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There's a Lamp to Be Had to Suit Every Taste

Sometimes I am surprised by the origins of common household items and their history through the ages.

Just recently, for instance, I learned that the table lamp has a history that dates back to 70,000 BC. So, who knew? At that time, researchers (or historians, whichever) tell us that people would take a hollow shell or rock, fill it with moss that was soaked in the fat of animals which would be ignited.

It was long after the use of rocks and shells that people began to make things to hold the materials to make light. Manmade pottery, bones from animals and alabaster were used. Wicks were then added at a later time so that there was more control over the burning rate.

Around the seventh century BC, the Greeks were making terra cotta lights and lamps. The word lamp is actually derived from the Greek language from a word originally meaning torch.

By the 18th century the oil lamp was invented. This source of fuel was encased



By Bill Primavera

in metal and there was a metal tube to control the amount of fuel and how bright the light would be.

The first electric carbon arc lamp was invented by Sir Humphrey Davy in 1801. This lamp was operated by hooking up two carbon rods to an electrical source. By having the rods at a certain distance, the electricity would arc and cause light.

Sir Joseph Swann and Thomas Edison both are credited with inventing the first true electric table lamps. It was the lamp invented by Thomas Edison that became the world's first commercially sold electric lamp

in 1879.

Table lamps have come a long way since then, available in a vast array of colors and sizes. There are lamps that can range in price from a few dollars to the thousands. The table lamps of today can accept all kinds of different lightbulbs, and can be purchased anywhere that lighting and fixtures are sold.

In our area, there are several lighting stores; the one I patronized for all kinds of



lighting needs is Mid-County Lighting on Route 6 in Mahopac. The lighting experts there were very helpful to me when, rather than seek out table lamps, I worked with them to install specialty overhead lighting

in my home.

Visiting their showroom can spark ideas that may not have been top of mind when considering how to light a room. A desk lamp I purchased there is a very modern long-armed lamp with an LED light that will last longer than I.

Since I have a love for antiques, I have sought out and purchased table lamps that have been converted from other objects. One is a large converted candlestick. Another is a large ceramic piece of a woman dressed in 18th century garb, which combines art with the practicality of providing light.

There are so many variations of lamps available that there is a perfect lamp for every taste. And now, since the advent of the internet, sourcing table lamps with character is all but infinite.

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Local Swim Across America Chapter Celebrates Anniversary, New Study

By Martin Wilbur

You can understand why Tony Sibio might be a bit more excited about the eight fundraising events that Swim Across America is going to be holding throughout Westchester during the next month.

Sibio, the executive director of the Long Island Sound chapter of the nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money for cancer research and treatment, helped establish the local chapter 30 years ago this summer. That first swim at Larchmont Yacht Club featured 17 participants who raised \$15,000, each completing a four-mile trek.

But it was the news published in The New England Journal of Medicine last month that really got Sibio's attention – and, for that matter, innumerable cancer patients and their families. Results of a clinical trial of 12 colorectal cancer patients who underwent immunotherapy treatment with the medication dostarlimab revealed that every one of those patients' cancer had a complete response with no evidence of tumor.

The trial was conducted at Memorial Sloan Kettering with early-stage grant funding from Swim Across America.

"A number of us have been involved for 30 years and it's great to see our hard work bring some success, being able to hope, have hope, and it's been why we've been doing this all of these years," Sibio said.

Dr. Avni Desai, a gastrointestinal oncologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering and one of the investigators on the research team that conducted and authored the study, said the patients' response exceeded all expectations. At the time of the study's June 5 publication, the 12 patients had been tracked for six months and not only was there no evidence of cancer but none of them had received chemotherapy or undergone surgery.

While Desai acknowledged that the group was a small subset of people and a longer follow-up is needed, the findings have given researchers some confidence that help could be on the way. The next step is a Stage 3 trial and it is hoped that the treatment could be effective for people with other types of cancer that have the same type of protein deficiency.

"It was surprising to all of us that every single one of the patients on that trial had a complete response to the treatment," Desai said. "We were expecting good results but not this."

Sibio said the first of eight swims gets underway this Saturday morning at Westchester Country Club in Rye. They continue on July 14 at NYAC Travers Island in Pelham; Coveleigh Club in Rye on July 20; Orienta Beach Club in Mamaroneck on July 23; Scarsdale Golf Club on July 26; and on Aug. 6 at Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester.

The most local swim is on Sunday, July 17 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Chappaqua Swim & Tennis Club.

Meanwhile, Sibio said the local chapter's signature event, the Long Island Sound Open Water swim on Saturday, July 30, from 6 a.m. to noon, is expected to draw 500 swimmers to the Sound Shore in Larchmont. Swimmers can select the 2K, 5K or 10K events. Many of the teams will be swimming in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who has passed.

There will also be about 300 volunteers

and kayakers making sure that all of the swimmers are safe in the water.

Sibio said it a stressful day for the organizers but a fun time for a great cause.

"It's a huge event, a lot of support and it's a way to fight back," he said.

The general public is invited to participate in any of the swims with the exception of the July 20 at Coveleigh Club, which is for members only.

For more information about Swim Across America or for those interested in participating in this year's swims, or to volunteer, kayak or be a sponsor, visit www.swimacrossamerica.com/Long_Island. Donations can be sent to SAA-Long Island Sound, P.O. Box 217, Larchmont, N.Y. 10538.



The Swim Across America-Long Island Sound chapter is not only celebrating its 30th anniversary this summer but the findings of a clinical trial published last month that showed a treatment being 100 percent effective in 12 colorectal cancer patients.



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NY's New Power of Attorney Law One Year Later

I have a soft spot for anniversaries. The passage of time offers its own peculiar form of judgment.

One year ago, a new power of attorney law went into effect in New York. Legal practitioners were cautiously optimistic that the new form that was created would correct some longstanding issues.

For starters, executing the old forms, which were divided into two parts requiring multiple notarized signatures and several initials, was a pain. The other major issue was that some banks and financial institutions treated the old power of attorney form with disdain. On both fronts, the new law has had a positive impact.

In estate planning discussions, wills and trusts receive the most publicity while powers of attorney occupy a second tier. This delineation has always bothered me. While a will resides quietly in a folder for decades, a power of attorney is being exercised constantly. It allows an agent to conduct financial transactions, buy and sell real estate, add or remove

beneficiaries and create trusts. It is the instrument that is utilized to help a loved one become eligible for Medicaid and prevent certain resources from becoming probate assets. A power of attorney form that is easy to set up and use regularly is an invaluable tool.

Ease of execution is an underrated concept in estate planning. Aging adults, many coping with illness, are the demographic that undertakes the creation of power of attorney forms more frequently. The simple act of signing one's name or placing initials within a prescribed area on a page can

be daunting for a person dealing with physical limitations.

The new power of attorney form allows a creator to direct another to execute the form on their behalf.

Individuals who may have shied away from setting up a power of attorney because of health problems now have an opportunity to take advantage of the new law's inclusiveness coupled with the virtual execution options approved by New York State.

Technology through video conferencing removes logistical barriers for execution by bringing all parties together. The new form has also removed unnecessary signatures and initialing, shortening the form and reducing the effort required to execute.

After all the trouble that families went through to execute those

old powers of attorney, imagine their surprise when the agent presented the form to the bank and received a hostile reception. Many banks and financial institutions, prior to last June, treated New York State powers of attorney as if they were ads found in the back of comic books. Agents were told to use the financial institution's own power of attorney forms, which in many cases would be unable to be executed, because their loved one no longer had capacity.

The new law authorized legal remedies with damages and attorney fees should banks or other financial



By Alan D. Feller, Esq.

institutions refuse to accept a valid New York State power of attorney. Banks still have to review the powers of attorney and ascertain validity, which means that friction will still remain during this process, but the situation has improved.

The power of attorney form released last June was a common-sense reaction to years of frustration. One year

later, the results have been positive. Families can look forward to more flexible execution options and improved coordination with financial institutions with respect to powers of attorney.

You can contact the professionals at Sloan & Feller today for more information.

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A vocabulary-building quiz By Edward Goralski

Summer Selections. The quiz this week is composed of words selected from some recent print and online sources. Doing the quiz will most likely not cool you off or protect you from the summer sun, but it should help you increase your vocabulary.

1. smorgasbord (n.)

A) a dense cloud B) a summer meal C) a variety
2. scission (n.)

A) a spilt between groups B) flash of light C) a descendant
3. quail (v.)

A) to drink deeply B) shrink back in fear C) certify
4. execrable (adj.)

A) of very poor quality B) very intense C) producing excitement
5. meed (n.)

A) moderate ability B) a nonalcoholic drink C) a deserved reward
6. superannuated (adj.)

A) outdated B) more than ample C) splendid
7. skirr (v.)

A) to evade B) move rapidly C) give forth music
8. exonymia (n.)

A) a mass departure B) a fringe area C) coinl-ike objects

- ANSWERS:
1. C. A wide range of something; a variety; also, a buffet offering a variety of hot and cold items

2. A. A division or split between people, parties, or groups

3. B. To shrink back in fear; cower; flinch

4. A. Of very poor quality; unequivocally detestable; deplorable

5. C. A deserved share or reward

6. A. Outdated or obsolete; too old to work; retired

7. B. To move rapidly, especially with a whirling sound

8. C. Coinl-ike objects; also, study and/or collection of coinl-ike objects



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If you enjoy French cuisine as I do, Bastille Day, on Thursday, July 14, is a good excuse to indulge.

This French national holiday marks the public uprising that led to the French Revolution. Gallic restaurants, bakeries and cafes throughout the area will be serving up their finest culinary specialties, vintage wines and traditional festivities.

One of the largest French-inspired events in metro New York is the annual French Institute Alliance Francaise (FIAF) celebration in Manhattan. This year it takes place on Sunday, July 10, from 12 to 5 p.m. on Madison Avenue from 59th to 63rd streets. It features arts and crafts and entertainment and you can bet on a lot of titillating food tastings. For more information, visit www.fiaf.org.

Closer to home, there are several spots to indulge in La Cuisine Francaise.

Jean-Jacques

After a run through the bustling Pleasantville Farmers Market on a recent Saturday morning, we headed over to nearby Jean-Jacques Culinary Creations. The display counters and blackboards were filled with tempting possibilities, including sweet and savory crepes, sandwiches, fresh bread and cakes. It's been 21 years and the place is still working at full steam.

There are two dining rooms, one counter side and a separate more formal section. We opted for two French classics: Quiche Lorraine with salad, and the Croque Madame Croissant, oozing with fried egg, cheese and ham. Both flavorful!

There's outdoor seating weather permitting.

Jean-Jacques is located at 468 Bedford Rd. in Pleasantville. Info: 914-747-8191 or visit www.jean-jacques.com.

Encore Bistro

For over 20 years, Encore Bistro in Larchmont is where proprietor David Masliah and his team offer such lusty favorites as the colorful and delicious Tartin de Tomates, Moules Provencales and my favorite, Salade parisienne, along with St. Jacques au beurre blanc and steak frites. (It's hard to stay away from their rendition sweetbreads, too.) Great French fries here; they're the real thing!

For dessert, there are classic versions of Tarte Tatin and profiteroles. There's outdoor seating here as well.

Encore Bistro Francais is located at 22 Chatsworth Ave. in Larchmont. Info: 914-833-1661 or visit www.encore-bistro.com.

The Arch

Chef and proprietor George Seitz has maintained the old-world charm at The Arch for 40 years. His restaurant is one of the longstanding culinary destinations in the Hudson Valley. Be seated in the lovely stone hearth dining room and consider such French classics as the house-cured gravlax with all the trimmings, sizzling escargots and the crisp honey orange roasted duckling.

For dessert, try the classic Grand Marnier Souffle. There's a fine dose of seasonal



By Morris Gut

flourishes, too. Elegant but not stuffy.

The Arch is located at 1292 Route 22 in Brewster. Reservations suggested. Info: 845-279-5011 or visit www.archrestaurant.com.

La Cremaillere

La Cremaillere has brought country French dining back to the Westchester-Connecticut border hamlet of Banksville. The venerable restaurant, in a vintage 1750 house on Bedford-Banksville Road, has reopened and currently serves dinner Wednesday through Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The executive chef is Thomas Burke, who had previously worked at Purdy's Farmer & the Fish locations in Westchester and New York City, Le Bernardin, Manhattan and The French Laundry in Napa, Calif. Prix fixe menu options include two courses for \$85, three-courses for \$95 and four courses for \$125.

A chef's tasting menu is \$200. Sunday brunch is three courses at \$65 per person. Look for such specialties as Hudson Valley foie gras, Long Island duck breast "a l'orange" and strawberries and cream mille-feuille.

La Cremaillere is located at 46 Bedford-Banksville Rd. in Banksville. Info: 914-234-9647 or visit www.lacremny.com.

Le Perche

During a trip up the Hudson Valley, Le Perche Bakery & Bar, an eclectic French-themed bistro, turned out to be one of our favorites. We had an over-the-top lunch and were charmed by the country-style décor, vintage fireplace and long wooden bar lounge area with bakery display counter.

The oversized croissants were highly appealing, but our lunch palate took us elsewhere. For starters, we had a bowl of their fresh-made herbed gougeres (French cheese puffs). So tasty! A bowl of fresh mushroom soup was a delightful earthy taste of the season.

For our main, we shared a big Vietnamese-style Banh Mi stuffed with greens, dressing, ham and house pate. It screamed with flavor! A couple of Peekskill Brewery IPAs helped wash it all down. And for dessert, we tried the fresh-made Paris-Brest pastry filled with decadent cream.

Le Perche Bakery & Bar is located at 230 Warren St. in Hudson. Info: 1-518-822-1850 or visit www.leperchehudson.com.

Le Jardin du Roi

Proprietors Joe Quartararo and Christian Larsen have been operating Le Jardin du Roi in the heart of Chappaqua for more than 20 years. It offers a chic bistro interior and cozy bar. There's also a pleasant tented outdoor patio. Surrounding garden flowers are in full bloom.

A longstanding favorite here is their signature Burger du Roi, prepared medium with bacon, Swiss cheese and sunny side egg on top. To my memory, Le Jardin was one of the first to throw an egg on it before the culinary concept became so commonplace.



The Burger du Roi, one of the signature dishes at Le Jardin du Roi in Chappaqua.



The Croque Madame on a croissant, left, and the Quiche Lorraine with salad are two scrumptious selections at Jean-Jacques in Pleasantville.



The large platter came with French fries.

Also, look for their delightful French onion soup, escargots or Croque Monsieur/Madame. Breakfast is served all day.

Le Jardin Due Roi is located at 95 King St. in Chappaqua. Info: 914-238-1368 or visit www.lejardinchappaqua.com.

There's more: Look for Pate Maison, steak au poivre, poulet frites and profiteroles for dessert at Saint George Bistro, located at 155 Southside Ave. in Hastings-on-Hudson. Info: 914-478-1671 or visit www.saintgeorgebistro.com.

Le Provencal Bistro offers French Mediterranean dishes including a French picnic platter of cured meats, cheeses and accoutrements, beef bourguignon, special bouillabaisse or coq au vin. Le Provencal Bistro is located at 436 Mamaroneck Ave.

in Mamaroneck. Info: 914-777-2324 or visit www.leprovencalbistro.com.

There's a French connection at The Gramercy, an American brasserie located at 345 Kear St. in Yorktown Heights. There's Moules frites, shrimp Marseilles and a hearty cote de boeuf (tomahawk steak served with dauphine potatoes and bearnaise). Info: 914-302-7189 or visit www.the-gramercy.com.

Bon appetite!

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Briarcliff Cruises to 5-0 Win over Putnam Valley

Briarcliff's talented Sebastian Rhode sets up the Bears' first goal against Putnam Valley defenders Josh Bustos (L) and Brian Jimenez in a 5-0 win last Friday night at the 15th annual Lakeland Summer Soccer League in Shrub Oak where the high-flying Bears improved to 3-1 and rebuilding PV dropped to 0-4... See Soccer Notebook

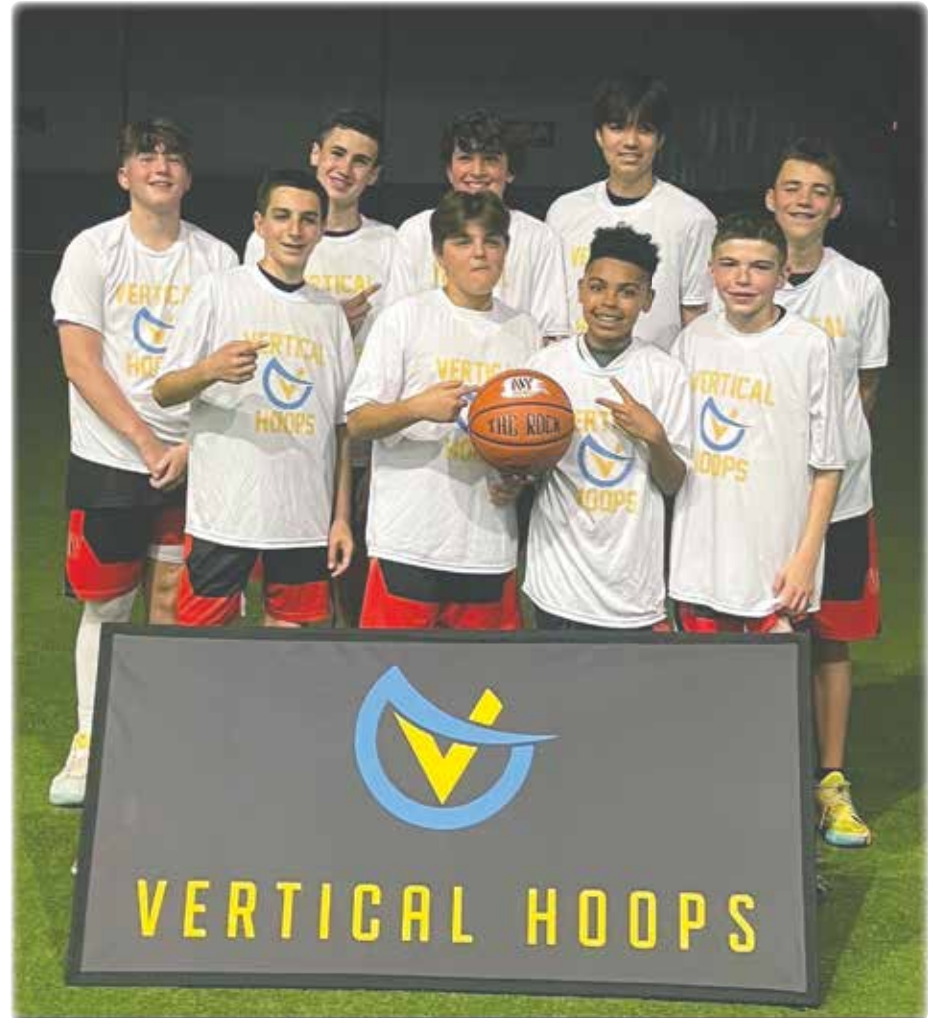


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NY Extreme Team Cops 7th Grade Jamfest Tourney Title

Members of the NY Extreme 7th grade AAU team, coached and trained by Putnam Valley's Kristi Dini, celebrate their recent tournament title at the Vertical Hoops Summer Jamfest at the Mohegan Sun Preview in CT. Talented members of the squad include (Front Row): Troy Rossi, Luca Pagano, Se'ne Tuitt, Justin Beberman; (Back Row): Sweet Sal Garufi, Andrew DeLarco, Colin Bishop, Saxon Sohaili, James Nemeth.

"I absolutely love this group of boys," Coach Dini exclaimed. "These guys are like my little brothers. We have a really special and funny bond, so we know how to work super hard but make each other laugh and have fun doing it. That balance is because they have such great personalities and they love each other and combine that with a hunger to be the best basketball players they can be. They have big goals for high school and college and we're gonna continue to work toward those." Visit www.nyextremehoops.com for more info. -- by Ray Gallagher

Sports

Somers, Briarcliff Potting Goals, Points in Lakeland Summer Action

By Sam Federman

After a successful Week 1, a very hot Week 2 for the Lakeland Summer Soccer League was on tap for a bunch of local high school teams.

On Tuesday, Christian Guinansaca was the goalscorer for Lakeland as they were able to pick up a point against Brendan Casterino and Ketcham. Michael Rodriguez picked up an assist, and Aidan Hunt had three saves for the Hornets in the 1-1 draw. It put the Hornets on five points in three games.

Briarcliff got an awesome performance from Ethan Klar, a goal and two assists as they defeated the Garnets of Rye 3-1. Klar assisted Nathaniel Rohde and Emilio Abud Chalita as Toby Young saved four shots as the Bears improved to 2-1.

Byram Hills picked up a win on a last second free kick by Jesse Goldstein over

Westlake. Despite the heartbreaking loss for Westlake, Thomas Sherman saved five shots, and had his team in position to pick up their first point of the Summer League until disaster struck, and Bryam pulled away with their first win.

Defending NYS champ Somers has been an unstoppable force, as they took out Eastchester 3-0 to improve to 3-0 on Tuesday. Brady Leitner had a goal on a penalty kick, and Dylan Ingram picked up one as well. Somers continued to flex their muscles with a dominant performance

On Friday, Carmel fell to 1-2 with a 4-2 loss to Rye, thanks to two goals from Jonas Ven Buren. Neil Wallia potted two for Carmel, but it wasn't enough to prevent Rye from picking up their first win of the Summer.

Briarcliff's dominance continued with more scoring on Friday night under the lights. A 5-0 win sinking Putnam Valley to

0-4, while improving to 3-1 themselves. The Bears got goals from five different scorers, Klar, Abud-Chalita, and Rhode scored, but so did Sebastian Rhode and Eli Snider. Just a 10/10 performance.

White Plains picked up their first win in dominating fashion under the lights. A 5-0 win of their own thanks to a hat trick from Rhaymani Alexander was the way of the day for them. Panas picked up five saves from Johan Essaw, but never really threatened the Tigers, and thus picked up their first loss.

Yorktown fell to JJEF 3-0, their first loss of the summer. JP Frucco stopped three shots, but allowed three to pass, and the Huskers only mustered three shots, all of which were saved by Bradley Quie.

On Sunday, Westlake's struggles continued, as an own goal was part of the frustration in a 3-0 loss to the Eagles of Eastchester. Duncan Contravera picked up a

brace and sunk Westlake to 0-4.

Somers once again picked up a huge win, defeating Ketcham 3-2 to improve to a league best 4-0. Lenny Ulaj's brace and the goal from Diego Verdesoto were what the Tuskers needed on Sunday afternoon.

Carmel got two goals from Kyle Klammer en route to a 3-0 blanking of Panas. A much needed rebound for the defense after allowing four goals against Rye in their previous game. Carmel improved to 2-2, Panas fell to 1-2-1.

Rhaymani Alexander scored again, as it seems like he does every game for White Plains, and he helped lead the Tigers to a 2-0 win over Yorktown. This win put White Plains on seven points, and leaves Yorktown with six. It will be very interesting to see how this race continues throughout the season.



Briarcliff's Daniel Antin readies to cross ball in Bears' 5-0 win over Putnam Valley Friday in Lakeland Summer Soccer League action.



Carmel's Christian Matera bodies up a foe in Rams' 4-2 loss to Rye Friday in Lakeland Summer Soccer League action.



Carmel's Kyle Klammer (L) makes strong move in Rams' 4-2 loss to Rye Friday in Lakeland Summer Soccer League action.



Carmel's Andrew Klammer eyes his move in Rams' 4-2 loss to Rye in Lakeland Summer Soccer League action Friday night.



Briarcliff's Matty Suarez signals to teammates while checked by Putnam Valley's Evan Mounier in Bears' 5-0 win Friday.

STANDINGS UPDATE

League A

1. Somers 12 (pts)

2. RCK 8

3. Eastchester 6

4. Lakeland 5

5. Byram 5

6. Harrison 3

7. JJCR 0

8. Westlake 0

League B

1. JJEF 10

2. Briarcliff 9

3. White Plains 7

4. Yorktown 6

5. Rye 6

6. Panas 4

7. Carmel 3

8. Putnam Valley 0

Sports



The Foxes' Kyle Hester watches his approach shot head for the green on the first hole at Mt. Kisco Country Club.



Fox Lane distance runner Willie Cuono rounds a turn as she runs the 1500 on the second day of state qualifying.



Nicole Castaldo makes her move toward the cage in Fox Lane's playoff victory over Scarsdale.



The Foxes' Will Shepherd protects the ball in a home win over Rye Neck back in late March.



Ryan Ades hits a serve during his match at first singles vs. visiting Horace Greeley.

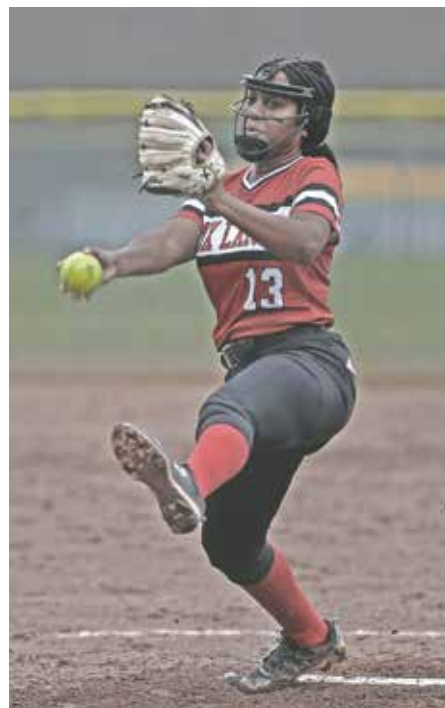


Shortstop Quoya Schnell tries to make a diving catch during the Hen Hud tournament in late April.



The Foxes' Luke Torre races down the third-base line to score a run in a home victory over Scarsdale.

Fox Lane Spring 2022 *A Look Back*



Jordynn Killion delivers a pitch at a home game early in the season.



Michael Lombardi blasts a home run in the Foxes' win over Yorktown at Ketcham's annual baseball tournament.



Jack Travis clears a hurdle as he competes in the pentathlon at the state qualifier meet.

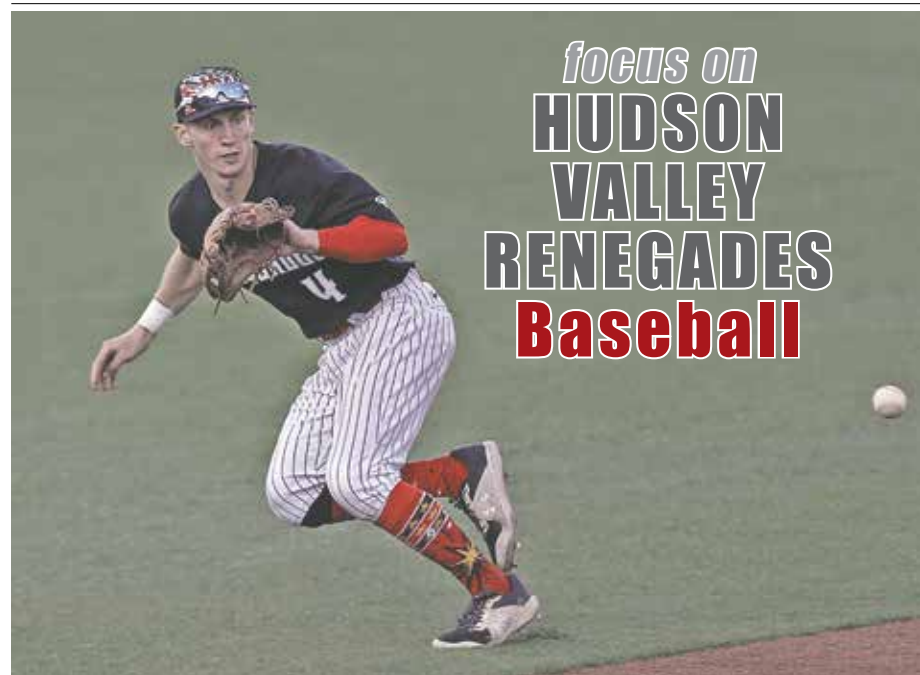


Jack Fabry gets set to pass the ball up the field.



Eugenia Kaltsas fires a shot in the Foxes' win on the road against Brewster.

Sports



Renegades shortstop Cooper Bowman ranges far to his right trying to field an infield hit by the Cyclones' Tanner Murphy in the seventh inning.



Brooklyn shortstop Shervyen Newton gets set to make a throw after getting a force out of the Renegades' Aaron Palensky at second base in the eighth inning of Sunday's game. Hudson Valley won 6-2 before a sellout crowd of over 5400, the largest of the season.



Renegades catcher Anthony Seigler raps a pitch down the right-field line in Sunday's 6-2 win over visiting Brooklyn.



The Renegades' Tyler Hardman watches the flight of his team-leading 11th home run in the fourth inning of Sunday's home win over Brooklyn.



Hudson Valley second baseman Eduardo Torrealba fires to first to complete an easy 6-4-3 double play in the eighth inning on Sunday evening at sold-out Dutchess Stadium.



Hudson Valley southpaw T.J. Sikkema pitched four and a third innings of no-hit ball on Sunday evening, striking out eight Brooklyn Cyclone batters.



Brooklyn Cyclones second baseman Branden Fryman tries to tag out the Renegades' Everson Pereira during a pickoff attempt in the bottom of the eighth inning.



Hudson Valley's Aaron Palensky takes a big swing as he bats during Sunday's 6-2 win over the Cyclones in front of a sellout crowd at Dutchess Stadium.



Hudson Valley center fielder Everson Pereira bursts down the first-base line after hitting a grounder to short.

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