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Litter lines the street last month on Route 6 in Cortlandt near the eastbound ramp of the Bear Mountain Parkway. RICKY FLORES/THE JOURNAL NEWS

## Suspect eyed in Spierer case

Ind. man charged in another murder

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A man charged with the murder of an Indiana University senior is being investigated in the case of missing Edgemont resident Lauren Spierer, police said.

Daniel Messel, 49, of Bloomington, Indiana, is accused of killing Indiana University senior Hannah Wilson last week and dumping her body in a rural area northeast of Bloomington.

Bloomington police said they would now be looking at Messel's possible involvement in the disappearance of Spierer, also an Indiana University student who went missing June 3, 2011, after a night of heavy partying and is feared dead.

"Messel's arrest has provided BPD detectives with an avenue of investigation into Lauren Spierer's disappearance that will be diligently pursued,"

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# WHAT A MESS!



FRANK BECERRA JR./THE JOURNAL NEWS  
Litter along the side of Route 9A in Briarcliff.



PETER CARR/THE JOURNAL NEWS  
Litter covers an area across Main St. from the Spring Valley transportation center.



MARK VERGAR/THE JOURNAL NEWS  
The corner of Buena Vista Avenue and Vark Street in Yonkers.

## Tax cap rebates: Schools write plans

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School districts are facing a June 1 deadline to submit efficiency plans to the state to qualify their taxpayers for a rebate check this fall.

Most districts in the Lower Hudson Valley say they will submit a plan. But some district leaders have criticized the program as unnecessarily restrictive and they fear voters will not understand if they fail to meet what they say are confusing and narrow requirements.

For taxpayers to see a school rebate check in their mailbox this fall, districts need to stay under the tax cap with the budgets voted on May 19, and have their efficiency plan approved by the state.

The plan must save an amount equal to 1 percent of this year's tax levy each

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## When you see litter, whom do you call? Depends on where the trash is

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When you see trash littering the sides of our roads, the first thing you likely think — after, perhaps, “what a shame” — is: Who's supposed to clean that up?

We wondered, too. To find out, eight Journal News and lohud.com photographers traversed Rockland, Westchester and Putnam over a period of ten days in early April, randomly documenting litter. Photographs in hand, we started making calls.

We found that many of our main thoroughfares — like Route 6 in Cortlandt, where a Journal News photographer found a pile of trash near the Bear Mountain Parkway overpass — are state roads, and the state is responsible for cleanup.

“The only caveat being is if there's a sidewalk,” Cortlandt's Director of Environmental Services Jeff Coleman said. “Sidewalks themselves are maintained by towns.”

There's another exception: In cities, like Yonkers, White Plains and Peekskill, maintenance of state roads is carried out by the city.

And if the trash is alongside train tracks? Then it's the responsibility of the

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“There's no reason to do it.

And everywhere you go — you pull into a gas station

— there's a garbage can. Is

it really that difficult to get

it somewhere where you

can dispose of it properly?”

RICHARD SHEA, PHILIPSTOWN SUPERVISOR

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## Register for suicide prevention event



Fewer than 60 seats remain for Tuesday night's free community conversation on suicide prevention.

The event, co-hosted by the Journal News Media Group and the Mental Health Association of Westchester, will start at 7 at the Chappaqua Library Theater. Register for the event at [www.MHAwestchester.org](http://www.MHAwestchester.org).

Journal News Planning Editor Sean Mayer will serve as moderator and be joined by Dr. Barbara Bernstein of MHA Westchester. The panelists will be:

**Janine Crowley Haynes**, a Chappaqua resident and author of “My Kind of Crazy: Living in a Bipolar World.” She survived a suicide attempt in 2005.

**Richard Klein**, a Chappaqua resident who lost his son, Jeff, to suicide in 2010 and has written extensively about his thoughts and feelings about his family's experience.

**Rebecca Walkley**, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Certified Group Psychotherapist who facilitates a support group for people who've lost loved ones to suicide.

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HIGH: 72 LOW: 42



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