

Ball Departure Opens Door for Murphy Senate Run

By Rick Pezzullo and David Propper

The surprising announcement by State Senator Greg Ball (R,C,I/Patterson) on Friday that he would not be running for any political office this year has thrust Yorktown Councilman Terrence Murphy into the spotlight as the leading Republican to replace Ball.

Murphy, who maintained he learned of Ball's decision when the 36-year-old senator released a video Friday morning but had been told about a month ago to prepare for the possibility of Ball stepping away, said he was "cautiously optimistic" about receiving the blessing of the Westchester County GOP Committee Monday night.

Former State Assemblyman Robert Castelli has also announced his intentions to seek the Republican nod but Ball threw his support behind Murphy.

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime to have such a dynamic senator leave and have an open seat and he decides to tap you as the best guy to fill his shoes. You either take it or you lose it," Murphy said. "I'm really excited about it. I'm not going to abandon Yorktown, that's for sure. I live here, I work here, I grew up here."

Murphy, a chiropractor and proprietor of Murphy's restaurant in Yorktown, was elected to a second four-year term on the



Yorktown Councilman Terrence Murphy has been endorsed by state Senator Greg Ball.

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Diana, Siegel Chosen to Vie for Vacant Yorktown Board Seat

By Rick Pezzullo

A former town supervisor and a high-way superintendent candidate in last year's election will be squaring off in November for the vacant seat on the Yorktown Town Board.

Susan Siegel, who served one term as supervisor before being ousted in 2011, was selected by the town's Democratic Committee last week, while Tom Diana, a former Cortlandt police officer, was endorsed by the Republican Committee two weeks ago. Diana registered as a Democrat when he ran unsuccessfully against then-Councilman Dave Paganelli for the top highway job but has filed papers to switch to the Republican Party.

Paganelli, a Republican, had two years left on his four-year term when he was elected highway superintendent. However, since Yorktown currently has no law on the books to trigger a special election, the earliest an election can be held



Susan Siegel



Tom Diana

is November. As a result, either Siegel or Diana will only serve 14 months and will have to run again in November 2015 for a full term.

"It will be a non-stop campaign. I should get really good at it," said Diana. "I believe the lessons I learned as a candidate in the past, which include under-

standing my true beliefs and convictions, will make me a formidable choice to get our town moving again."

Since leaving office, Siegel has kept a watchful eye on town government and informed residents about issues and board actions on her two websites.

"Accountability is going to be my watchword," said Siegel, a former local newspaper reporter and ex-president of the Yorktown League of Women Voters. "On paper this is a part-time job, but I know from experience that it requires full-time attention. We have a lot to get done, and many challenges to conquer, and the only way to do it is with a Town Board that considers the issues carefully and most of all keeps an eye on the bottom line. It's your money; it's up to the elected members of the Town Board to use it in the most frugal way possible. My

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Peekskill Guidance Counselor Killed in Route 9A Crash

By Rick Pezullo

A Peekskill High School guidance counselor was killed in a collision with a tractor-trailer last Tuesday afternoon while heading home on Route 9A near the Briarcliff Manor/Mount Pleasant border.

Lenroy Stevens, 27, who had worked for the Peekskill School District since January 2013, was pronounced dead at the scene at about 3:30 p.m.

"It is with a very heavy heart that the Peekskill City School District faces the sudden loss of Lenroy Stevens who served as a guidance counselor and friend to many of our students and col-

leagues," district officials stated on the school website. "We will all be keeping Lenroy and his family in our thoughts and prayers during this time."

According to published reports, a tractor-trailer with no attached trailer was traveling north on 9A in the left lane when the unidentified driver lost control, climbed over the center guide rail and struck two cars in the northbound lane. Stevens' Acura was hit head-on, apparently killing him instantly. The driver of the second car, a Toyota Prius, reportedly suffered minor injuries.

Portions of 9A were closed for near-

ly 12 hours while investigators pieced together details of the accident.

Prior to joining Peekskill, Stevens worked for 18 months as a school counselor in the Lakeland School District. A resident of White Plains, he graduated from the University of Rochester in 2007 with a degree in psychology and earned a Master's from Mercy College.

A concert scheduled last week at Peekskill High School was postponed following Stevens' death. School officials said when the concert is rescheduled it will be dedicated in memory of Stevens.



Lenroy Stevens

Missing Somers Man Found Dead in Woods

By Rick Pezullo

The body of a Somers man who disappeared the morning of May 9 was located last Thursday afternoon in a wooded area off Route 202.

State Police in Somers said an extensive search was underway when Garret (Gary) McKeon, 67, was spotted by an area worker passing through at approximately 1:15 p.m. No signs of foul play are suspected and the cause of death is pending an autopsy.

McKeon suffered from Parkinson's

disease and dementia. Since his disappearance, countless local residents joined police agencies in the almost weeklong ground searches and displaying missing person fliers. His family had also set up a Facebook page.

The search efforts involved the State Police Aviation, Canine, SCUBA and Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the Westchester County and Stamford, CT Police Bloodhound units and the MTA Police.

Mr. McKeon was born January 19,

1947 in New York City. He married the love of his life Kathleen (Gilbride) on September 13, 1975 in Yonkers. He was the owner/operator of U.M.C. moving and storage in Brooklyn.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by five children, Sara Almeida, Siobhan O'Connor, Eamon McKeon, Collin McKeon and Brigid McKeon; two brothers, Anthony and Kevin McKeon; one sister, Donna Mancuso; and four grandchildren, Jordan Almeida, Sean McKeon, Michael McKeon and Caitlin O'Connor.

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Company Bankruptcy Could Doom Meth Clinic in Peekskill

By Rick Pezzullo

Members of the Peekskill Common Council are calling for a methadone clinic to return to a hospital setting following reports of the company that was going to operate a facility on Corporate Drive off Highland Avenue filing for bankruptcy.

The Democratic majority released a statement Friday asking the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to have the controversial clinic relocate back to Hudson Valley Hospital Center, where it operated in a trailer since 1979, or another area hospital.

In the summer of 2012, Hudson Valley Hospital, tired of losing money with the clinic, entered into an agreement with the Renaissance Project to take it over. The clinic shut down at the hospital last July. Hospital officials said the Renaissance Project was recommended by Westchester County. The not-for-profit organization is fully licensed to provide treatment to those affected by substance abuse and is planning to serve up to 275 patients at the clinic. There are five other treatment programs in Westchester and one in Newburgh.

"Renaissance's bankruptcy is part of a disturbing trend in the substance abuse field and further underscores our outcry for the last two years about relocating the services off the hospital grounds," said

Councilwoman Kathleen Talbot.

"Having a large agency like Renaissance go bankrupt is disturbing and everything must be done to ensure this vital service is available to those who need it," said Deputy Mayor Drew Claxton. "We believe that the clinic was not supported by our Zoning Code and that locating the methadone clinic in a hospital setting, where it was located for decades until Hudson Valley Hospital Center suddenly closed it, will offer a safer location for treatment of opioid addiction, which requires medical staff oversight."

Hospital officials had no comment on the matter and the only phone number listed for Renaissance is no longer in service. Renaissance purchased the property at 3 Corporate Drive with state funding for approximately \$400,000.

The council unsuccessfully sued the city's Planning Commission last year after the commission approved the clinic on two separate occasions. Last May, state Supreme Court Justice Lester Adler ruled in favor of the Planning Commission. The commission approved the plan a second time, ignoring a request from the Common Council and more than 1,000 people who signed petitions in opposition.

Earlier this year, the council asked the ZBA for an interpretation of whether an

outpatient treatment facility is a "professional use" as defined under the zoning law and if it's a permitted use in the M-2 Zoning District, and whether the Department of Public Works was correct when it issued a building permit to the Elmsford-based Renaissance Project on September 10.

Mayor Frank Catalina said he was aware

Renaissance may have been having financial problems when he heard about a food service company suing them for about \$100,000.

"If the methadone clinic won't be in Peekskill we're very happy about that," he said. "We filed litigation and we're happy that helped create their financial problems. I don't think it was the right location."



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Luxury Apartment Project Proposed on the Hudson River in Peekskill

By Rick Pezzullo

A Cortlandt businessman has a dream to build a luxury apartment complex on the banks of the Hudson River in Peekskill, and he is appealing to city officials to endorse his proposed endeavor.

"Yes, I'm a dreamer but I'm willing to invest here again," Phil Miller told the Peekskill Common Council last week. "I've never defaulted on a dream."

Miller, who resides in the Mohegan Colony section of Cortlandt, is looking to construct a \$50 million, multi-story, 100-apartment project in the area of North Water Street on property he has owned since 1991. Each apartment would have a river view and range in price from \$300,000 for a studio to \$1 million for a penthouse.

"It's a magical place. The river is always in motion. It's a great spot," Miller said. "I think this would be a welcome addition and can't hurt the image of Peekskill. Why not build something for people right on the Hudson River?"

In order for Miller to proceed, he would need the Common Council to rezone the property from Waterfront District to residential, an action that would require changing the entire Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) since "spot zoning" is often frowned upon.

"Anybody who wants to invest \$50 million in this town you'll have my vote," Councilman Vincent Vesce said.

"It's very exciting. It would change the face of Peekskill," Mayor Frank Catalina said.

Councilwoman Vivian McKenzie expressed concern about the price tag of the apartments being so close to the railroad tracks. Miller responded the units would be attractive to young professionals who work in Manhattan or empty nesters, noting he didn't expect the project to generate many school-age children.

He estimated the complex, which is also planned to have a boat marina, would provide \$500,000 annually in tax revenue to the city.



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Ex-Police Chief Pleads Not Guilty to Child Porn Charges

By Martin Wilbur

Former Mount Pleasant Police Chief Brian Fanelli pleaded not guilty Monday afternoon in federal court in White Plains to three counts of possessing child pornography.

Fanelli appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Judith C. McCarthy for a few minutes to enter his plea then was seen a short time later leaving the courthouse holding hands with his wife. He remains free on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond pending the outcome of the case.

He and his attorney, Michael Burke, issued no statements and refused to answer questions.

A pretrial conference was scheduled for today (Tuesday) at noon in front of U.S. District Judge Kenneth Karas.

The U.S. Attorney's office announced on May 14 that a grand jury had handed up a three-count indictment against Fanelli, charging that from October 2013 until January 2014, he "knowingly received and distributed material that contained child pornography" via a computer.

Authorities stated at the time of his arrest that he allegedly used a peer-to-peer file sharing system to deliver the material.

The second and third counts allege that on Nov. 9, 2013, and Jan. 3, 2014,



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Former Mount Pleasant Police Chief Brian Fanelli.

respectively, Fanelli "knowingly possessed, and accessed, with intent to view, a book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, computer disk and other material that contained an image of child pornog-

raphy," which was also distributed via computer.

Faneill, 54, a graduate of Valhalla High School, was arrested January 23 at his home in Mahopac by agents from Home-

land Security following an investigation. At the time, the U.S. Attorney's office's 10-page complaint stated that Fanelli told investigators he was viewing the images as part of his work to help him teach youngsters about the dangers of sexual abuse.

In addition to his police work, Fanelli was a longtime volunteer teacher at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Shrub Oak and regularly spoke to the church's schoolchildren about sexual abuse awareness.

He is barred from having unsupervised contact with children.

In Mount Pleasant, Fanelli was replaced on a temporary basis by Lt. Paul Oliva. Oliva has since been elevated to the full-time chief's position. Fanelli took over as chief last November after a 30-year career with the town.

Although he was released on bail the day of his arrest, Fanelli has been electronically monitored and is prohibited from leaving his home except for any work-related activity, court appearances, meetings with his attorney, doctors' appointments and religious services.

He was also forced to relinquish his firearms and all access to electronic devices that can connect to the Internet, including computers and cell phones.

Comptroller Touts Positive Direction of State in Cortlandt

By Rick Pezzullo

New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said the state was in good financial shape and heading in the right direction during an appearance in Cortlandt on Friday.

DiNapoli, a former state assemblyman and the 54th state comptroller, was the special guest speaker during a luncheon at Piazza Roma co-sponsored by the Hudson Valley Gateway and Yorktown chambers of commerce.

"I believe the state is in the best financial condition that it has been in a number of years," DiNapoli said. "I'm very optimistic about where the state is headed."

DiNapoli said New York has led the nation in job creation with 480,000 jobs added since 2008-09, more than half of which were in the New York City region. He said statewide home sales were up 12.6% and more than 20% in Westchester, with slight increases also seen in sale prices.

He also praised Governor Andrew Cuomo and the state Legislature for adopting the 2014 budget on-time for

the fourth straight year.

"New York's budget is in better shape than it has been in a number of years," he said. "We are making headway but there are challenges that continue."

DiNapoli noted personal income tax collection was down more than projected due to federal tax changes and maintained the budget relied too much on "one-shot" income sources, totaling about \$5 million.

He said state officials needed to be more "strategic" in promoting opportunities for growth throughout the state.

"Nobody has the simple solution to a problem. We need to be talking to each other more and share good ideas that make every part of our state a winner," DiNapoli said to several local officials in attendance, including George Oros, chief of staff for County Executive Rob Astorino, who is looking to unseat Cuomo this year.

"We've been tested in many ways. We bounced back from a very tough time," he said. "I think one of our challenges is how do we keep a positive attitude going forward."



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State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli (left) with HV Gateway Chamber President Deb Milone and Yorktown Chamber President Joe Visconti.

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Letters

Lack of Respect Shown to Ossining Town Supervisor is Disheartening

To the Editor:

We all go into public service, at least initially, because of a desire to lead our communities towards something better than what we've experienced as private citizens; the only legacy we should aspire to leave is a community that works better and more cooperatively than when we arrived. Public service is not a fast track to wealth, the hours are long, and the decisions are difficult, but the outcomes are often more rewarding than anything I've seen in the private sector, because the choices we make improve lives.

However, local politics can be especially complicated because of how directly we affect the lives of constituents, and how closely in touch we are with the public we serve. Running for local office should be a decision made out of a commitment to the community, the people, and what benefits the majority of residents. People feel especially passionate about what happens in their backyard, and every decision we make has a direct impact that people can hear, feel, and see.

Unfortunately, local politics are not shielded from the darker side of politics we sometimes see on the national scene. I take personal offense to the recent implications that my support can be bought, traded for, or otherwise used as a bargaining chip. The role of Town Supervisor is the role for which I ran, and was twice elected, and it is the role that I wish to keep. Simply put, I support Victoria Gearity, the endorsed Democratic candidate for Ossining Village Mayor, because I expect her to do a better job than her predecessor. Having worked with Mrs. Gearity for

the past year and a half in her role as a Village Trustee, I find her to be approachable, thoughtful and cooperative in a way unfamiliar to me under the current mayoral leadership. In any similar situation where a Town and Village share territory, services, and even the same buildings, it would stand to reason that a better working relationship would exist than currently does- I believe that in my role as Town Supervisor, having a strong Village Mayor who is open to looking at things differently would do nothing but benefit our community, residents and employees.

I want to be clear- at no time have I been approached, nor have I approached anyone, to secure the position of Ossining Village Manager. Those who started this rumor did so purely to discredit Victoria Gearity, with the hope that people will vote against her if they feel she is aligned with me and my track record of developing and monitoring strictly crafted budgets and holding employees accountable for their responsibilities.

On a similar note, the recent campaign literature disseminated by Mayor Bill Hanauer on his website suggests that further consolidation of Town/ Village services are forthcoming, and that some of the goals of his term would be for the Village to absorb many of the Town's responsibilities. While we all agree that past consolidations are working well and that further consolidations could be helpful, I take exception to the implication that the Mayor feels, without any sort of discussion with the Town, that this is a "fait accompli". Any consolidation in the future will require open and hon-

est discussion, detailed analysis of the potential impacts, and input from all involved parties, including residents/commercial property owners, employees (including union representation), and management. For Mayor Hanauer to suggest otherwise is irresponsible, disrespectful, and contrary to the goal of a cooperative and respectful working relationship between the Town and Village of Ossining.

The lack of respect some have shown for the position and, more importantly, the responsibility, of the Town Supervisor can be disheartening.

The implication that decisions can be made in a way that circumvents the Town demeans the work done every day by our Board, our employees, and our volunteer committees who give of their time to improve the quality of life for Town residents.

The upcoming race is in the Village of Ossining, and involves Village Trustees and the Mayor of the Village; while the Town is certainly interested in the outcome, we do not wish to be roped into the political aspects of what is still going to be a long race- the energy wasted on unraveling misinformation could be better spent on fostering growth and creating opportunities that will help the entire community prosper.

The Town looks forward to improving the working relationship between the Town and Village Boards and administration- anything less would be a disservice to those we serve.

SUE DONNELLY
Supervisor
Town of Ossining

Republicans Should Challenge Assemblyman Katz

To the Editor:

This letter urges the Republican party of Yorktown and Putnam County to put up a candidate to challenge Assemblyman Steve Katz in the primaries. Based on Steve Katz actions he does not represent the values of the Republican party. According to media reports he got caught in his car with a quantity of marijuana and was driving above the speed limit. After court appearances his penalty was reduced to a quote unquote parking ticket and community service. Prior that point he had republican ideals having voted in the assembly against all marijuana sales in NY. After being caught he

now sides with Governor Cuomo and wants medical marijuana legalized in NY State. At the time he was the only Republican assemblyman I knew of to support this vote although two more Republicans have now joined him. According to press releases after recent trips to Colorado, Katz is looking into investing in companies who participate in legal marijuana sales. He doesn't sound like he has the Republican ideals he should have serving in Putnam and Yorktown. Many people also question the sentence he received and why wasn't treated the same as any other citizen by being forced to take a drug test or having his car seized. It was also

documented that during his first year in office he missed nine meetings in Albany that he was supposed to attend. For the above reasons I urge fellow Republicans in Putnam and Yorktown to come forward to challenge Mr. Katz because we know this is a Republican district and whoever receives the Republican nomination will most likely win the November election. Wouldn't it be horrible if the Republican party lost the seat in the assembly to the Democratic party because Mr. Katz does not represent the Republican ideals.

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Craig Hibben

Craig Rittenhouse Hibben, PhD, a longtime resident of Yorktown, lost his battle with cancer on May 9. He was 83.

He was born May 25, 1930 in Montclair, NJ, to Samuel and Ruth Hibben. He leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Eleanor, son David R. Hibben of Stanley, NC, daughter Julie Hibben Diehl of Woodsboro, MD, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by sister Eleanor Waddell of Dallas, TX and brother Stuart Hibben of Swarthmore, PA.

Mr. Hibben attended Penn State University graduating with a B.S. in Horticulture. After serving his country in the United States Army and being honorably discharged in 1956, he continued his education at Cornell University graduating with both a M.S. and PhD in Plant Pathology.

His career started in 1963 at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens Research Center at Kitchawan, as a Research Plant

Pathologist and spanned 30 years before retiring as the Chairman of Research. His work included studies of diseases in woody plants including maple decline, tree viruses, and he was paramount in the early research which identified dogwood anthracnose. His research also included assignments with the U.S. Forest Service, where he worked on decline problems of forest and ornamental trees in the Western U.S. He has authored several books and numerous articles in the scientific community and gardening publications.

After retirement in 1993, Mr. Hibben became a research associate with the Daniel Smiley Research Center at Mohawk Preserve where he studied forest dogwoods and surviving American chestnut strands. He was also a well-known presence at Lasdon Park and Arboretum where he had several undertakings that included dogwood cultivars, lilacs and a collection of American elms. In conjunction with the American Chestnut Foundation, he spent 20 years as the orchard creator and manager of one of the state's largest and best maintained American chestnut groves, also located at Lasdon.

He was among the founding members of the Taconic Men's Garden Club, an active participant in the beautification and landscaping projects in downtown Yorktown Heights and on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown.

Though his list of accomplishments is lengthy, it was his exceptional character that will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him. His gracious hand was always extended; whether to family, friends, colleagues, or passersby admiring his work, he simply gave of himself to others. He quietly left his mark on this earth. Through his passion for research to the beautiful gardens he cultivated, one can look anywhere and easily be reminded of Craig.

Family and friends will celebrate his life on Saturday, May 24 at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown at 2 p.m., followed by a reception in the fellowship

hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown endowment fund at 2880 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

George James, Jr.

George F. James, Jr., a resident of Buchanan, died on May 13. He was 60.

He was born in Peekskill, to George F. Sr. and Patricia James on October 26, 1953. He served in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1974. He was a carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Ossining. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife Katie, daughter Jennifer, brother, Joseph and several relatives. He was predeceased by his son George Michael James in 2011.

Collette Ventrone

Collette Ventrone, a resident of Ossining, died on May 11. She was 69.

She was born in LaCrosse, WI on August 6, 1944 to Theodore and Genevieve (Scanlon) Ventrone. She was the former V.P. of Store Planning, Design for Neiman Marcus in Dallas and the former V.P. of Store Planning at Carter, Hawley & Hale in L.A. She began her career at the design firm of Raymond Lowey & William Snaith in N.Y.C.

Ms. Ventrone is survived by her brother Patrick (Susan); her sister Deborah (Joseph) O'Laughlin; her step mother Jean Ventrone; her niece Andrea; her three nephews, Matthew, Ryan and Sebastian; and her two great-nephews, Sebastian Jr. and Austin.

Itzhak Mintz

Itzhak Mintz, a resident of Ossining, died May 17 as a result of a stroke. He was 58.

Born February 3, 1956 in Ramat Gan in Israel, if one word could possibly describe Itzik, it was passionate. He was

passionate about so many things: books, movies, music, the Mediterranean beaches. He was a voracious reader in two languages, and a lover of film who "survived" the 24-hour movie marathon at the Jacob Burns Film Center after having spent the entire day at the Clearwater Festival basking in the enjoyment of great music. His latest passion project was writing a blog about movies called "Chasing Roger."

Itzik moved to Ossining more than two decades ago but always kept extremely close and loving ties with his best friends and beloved cousins and their families in Israel. He leaves behind his mother, Sarah; his adored brother, Ilan; his brother and sisters-in-law, Shelley, Dganit, Lynn and David; his nephews and nieces, Katie, Jake, Bahr and Gal, and the broken hearts of so many dear friends. And he leaves behind the three he was most passionate about: his beloved wife, Marcy, and his most cherished children, Ella and Tal. "Where they are is my home."

Nicholas DiTomaso

Nicholas DiTomaso, a resident of Yorktown, died on May 18. He was 84.

He was born in Italy on December 3, 1929 to Vito and Lucia DiTomaso. Mr. DiTomaso was a member of the United Taxpayers of Yorktown (UTY) and hosted a local cable access program for several years.

He is survived by his loving wife Margherita, his daughters; Lucy Caggiano, Pamela Bilichuk, and Lisa Robertson, Nicholas' son, Joseph DiTomaso, two brothers; Rocco and Frank DiTomaso, and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers, Andrew and Joseph. Family and friends will honor Mr. DiTomaso on Tuesday at the Yorktown Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church (Main). Interment will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Park.

Police Blotter

State Police

May 12 - Four local residents were charged with robbery in the second degree in connection with an incident that took place on November 22, 2013. On that date, at approximately 1:36 a.m., troopers responded to a home in Cortlandt after a male reported being jumped by more than one person as he walked to his front door and his newly purchased XBOX was ripped from his hands. After a several month investigation, State Police charged Albert Tapia, 21, of Cortlandt, Justin Landron, 21, of Croton-on-

Hudson, Emilie Vanca, 19, of Peekskill, and Philip Vitiello, 20, of Putnam Valley, with the crime. They were all arraigned in Cortlandt Town Court and remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of cash bail ranging from \$500 to \$25,000.

Yorktown Police

May 12 - 9:10 a.m. - Justin Gordon, 24, of Buchanan, was charged with driving with a suspended registration and speeding after being pulled over by Officer Jason Payne for traveling at a high rate of speed on Strawberry Road.

4:26 p.m. - Police Officer Lauren Raczynsky charged 18 and 17-year-old males from Putnam Valley and Lake Peekskill respectively with criminal possession of marijuana after allegedly observing them smoking marijuana inside a vehicle in the parking lot of the Jefferson Valley Mall.

May 13 - 9:04 a.m. - Joseph Stingone, 30, of Yorktown, was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance and criminal sale of a controlled substance for heroin sales on multiple

dates, as well as possession of the drug with intent to sell it. He was remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

May 14 - 6:02 p.m. - An unidentified 18-year-old Yorktown female was charged with assault after allegedly punching and kicking a female resident of Springhurst Street in a wooded area off Greenwood Street. The victim suffered a fractured nose and face lacerations. The defendant was remanded to Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

Ball Departure Opens Door for Murphy Senate Run

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Yorktown Town Board in November. In 2011, he ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

"I think I've done a fairly good job and I'd like to take it up a notch to a higher level," he said. "I'm very optimistic that a lot of this work we started, as a state senator I will continue to watch over and follow through."

Ball said if Murphy hadn't expressed an interest in seeking state office he would have run again to keep the seat out of the Democrats' hands. "Until a month ago, (Republicans) did not have a replacement," Ball said. "I decided over two years during redistricting not to run this term for this seat."

In his video announcement, Ball said, "It is time now to return to the private sector and even maybe find some time to raise a family."

Not only did he decide not to stay in the Senate but Ball also opted not to go for the Putnam County Executive position, which he said he was interested in and would have led to a primary election against incumbent Republican MaryEllen Odell. Reports surfaced that

Ball has been investigated for misusing campaign by the now defunct Moreland Commission.

Ball stated the Moreland Commission, which was eyeing him for personal use of campaign funds, had no impact on his decision. Ball spent \$23,000 on retail and other stores, but Ball said it was for campaign events. He said the investigation has not validity and there is no follow up investigation from it.

"The Moreland Commission was set up to intimidate the legislature by governor (Andrew Cuomo) to pass public financing for campaigns as well as other things," Ball said. "Even the Moreland Commission suggests nothing was illegal or unethical so it is what it is but it didn't factor into my decision."

He also added donors have continued to support him and any suggestions that certain donors have pulled back is a "lie."

Though confident he would have defeated Odell in a primary, Ball said running for the county executive post was not the right fit in his life at the moment. As for bypassing another run for senate, Ball claims he told Republican leaders his previous election in 2012 would be his final, but the complication was find-

ing a suitable Republican to run for the seat.

He also noted by announcing at such late date his intentions it prevented a large number of Democrats and Republicans from making a run for that 40th Senate seat. The sole Democrat running is Justin Wagner, who lost to Ball in 2012.

As it stands now, only Odell and Democrat Sam Oliverio are running for Putnam county executive. Odell said she doesn't believe the county needed a "chaotic" primary that would divide Republicans and Putnam overall. She added she's confident she would have beaten Ball in a primary.

"I'm definitely looking forward to being the county executive of the county that I grew up in, and raised my family in for the next few years," Odell said.

Meanwhile, Oliverio said he believes Ball would have beaten Odell in primary and then would have been very difficult to beat head-to-head in the general election. He believes his chances of earning the county executive position increased "100 fold" with Ball out of the picture.

Oliverio also said he's hoping Ball, if not outwardly supporting him, would at least stay neutral in the race.

"I think knowing the senator he would probably join the campaign as we got closer saying he is in favor of candidacy," Oliverio said.

Ball said even though he worked hard to help Odell get elected the first time, he's been disappointed in the direction the county has gone in under her leadership. But he when asked if he thought Oliverio would make a better county executive, Ball refused to give a clear answer. He also didn't give an answer when asked if he would voice support for either candidate.

When asked what it would be like to leave the public spotlight, which Ball always seemed to embrace, he said he's "happier right now than I have been in months, if not years."

While Ball said he certainly would consider a return to higher public office one day, he didn't commit to continuing to reside in New York State. For a guy who came from a blue-collar family, he said he's proud of what he's achieved during his eight years in the Assembly and Senate.

"All options are open," Ball said. "Everything at this point in life is gravy now because I've accomplished much more than I ever should have, in my opinion."

Diana, Siegel Chosen to Vie for Vacant Yorktown Board Seat

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record as supervisor shows that I can be trusted with the task."

Diana, who owns a full service heating oil delivery company, said he offers residents a fresh perspective, and while his pro-business agenda mirrors Supervisor Michael Grace, he vowed to be an independent board member.

"I'm a small business owner and I believe in small business growth," he said. "Yorktown is finally moving in the right direction under the leadership of Supervisor Grace and Councilman Murphy and I look forward to working with them to continue the progress. I will be up front and I will not back door anyone. I think a fresh set of eyes and ears on the Town Board will be refreshing."

Grace said he was looking forward to sitting beside Diana on the Town Board.

"As a local small businessman, Tom will be an asset in helping us continue to promote and adopt sensible, pro-business policies," Grace said. "Tom will help us end the gridlock and dysfunction, so we can finally move forward on job-creating projects that will make Yorktown a more dynamic and affordable place to live, work, shop and play."

Siegel pointed to several accomplishments during her administration, such

as passing a stronger ethics law and the town's first tree preservation law and updating the Comprehensive Plan, as examples of her abilities to be a councilwoman who can hit the ground running.

"We've seen time and again that it's up to the councilmen on the Town Board to exercise caution and use their judgment and experience to rein in the impulsive actions the supervisor has so often taken without thinking through the consequences, leaving us, the taxpayers, to end up paying the bill," she said. "I'm thrilled and honored to be given the opportunity to again work on behalf of the people of Yorktown."



RICK PEZZULLO PHOTO

The Justice League of Yorktown High School finished second in the 2014 New York Statewide High School Mock Trial Tournament in Westchester and was honored at a recent Town Board meeting for their accomplishment.

SMALL NEWS IS BIG NEWS

Ball Threatens to Sue Assemblyman Katz in War of Words

By David Propper

State Senator Greg Ball (R,C,I/Patterson) might be leaving office in six months, but that hasn't left him gun shy when going after his critics, including state Assemblyman Steve Katz (R/Mohegan Lake).

Ball called Katz a "drug addict" in an interview when responding to Katz's claim that Ball is being investigated by U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. During a press conference last Thursday, Katz said Ball and four other state senators are being investigated because they abused campaign funds and it is connected to the investigation by the Moreland Commission.

Adding to the drama, an attorney representing Ball sent a letter to Katz last Monday threatening a lawsuit if Katz continued to make statements about Ball allegedly being investigated.

"Consider yourself on notice that if you again make any such defamatory comments against Senator Ball, you will be answering for them in a courtroom," attorney Joseph Tacopina said.

Tacopina reiterated in the letter that Ball did not misspend a "penny of campaign funds" and if Katz makes statements claiming Ball did, then Katz would face litigation.

A spokesman for Katz said he hasn't received the letter yet as Monday after-

noon and would not comment until he did.

Tacopina also represents Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith in his defamation lawsuit against Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy.

"Steve Katz is a miserable, unappreciative, little man," Ball remarked Friday, "who was caught smoking pot on his way to vote and arrested, flipped his vote on medical marijuana while being a paid spokesperson for recreational pot."

Ball went on to say, "I don't know whether Steve was high when he made the comment or just paranoid and delusional, which is probably a byproduct of being a drug addict."

Katz was stopped by a state trooper on the New York State Thruway for speeding on March 14, 2013 and was charged with possession of marijuana. He was never actually arrested, as Ball claimed. Katz took a plea deal, paid a \$75 fine and was ordered to perform 20 hours of community service.

In an interview Friday before the letter was sent to him, Katz stood by his statement that Ball and four senators are being looked into for misdeeds. He said he is simply repeating information that has been present in published reports like the New York Post. He added that

he believes the investigation is one of the reasons Ball is not running for any public office.

"All I'm going to say about it right now is it's a great day for the State of New York," Katz said. "As five more corrupt legislators are being investigated and that's great. The more we get rid of people like this, the better this state is going to be."

In the war of words between the two, who have had a frosty relationship, Katz

even offered Ball some praise, even if it was backhanded.

"When you're under federal investigation the decent thing to do is to bow out and wait until you're exonerated," Katz said. "So on that level, I respect what he did."

After much speculation over his political future, Ball announced last week he was not seeking election for any position. Katz, meanwhile, is seeking a third term in the Assembly.



Leah Olsen of Cortlandt was recently accepted into the 40th Senate District 3rd Annual Women of Distinction Hall of Fame by Senator Greg Ball. Since retiring from Chase Manhattan Bank in 1999, Olsen has been active in community affairs and was inducted into the Westchester County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 2007 for her work with the Norcort Seniors. She is very involved with the Van Cortlandville Historical Society and St. Peter's Episcopal Church and is one of about 14 ladies in a group called the Red Hatted Hotties of Cortlandt Manor.

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Somers Students Write What's on their Minds

By Neal Rentz

High School students from the northeast, including seniors from Somers High School and John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, have a lot on their minds.

For the ninth straight year students poems and essays have been compiled in the book "On My Mind." An event to celebrate the publication of the 2014 edition of the book was hosted by Somers High School on May 8.

Aside from Somers High School and Kennedy Catholic High School, students from the Academy for Social Action in Harlem and Sullivan West High School in Lake Huntington, NY took part in last week's event. Students from Franklin High School in Franklin Township, NJ were invited to the event but could not attend because there were taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

Students from Philadelphia, PA, Brooklyn, and Danbury, CT also provided their writings for the book.

"On My Mind 2014" was published by the Northeast Westchester Rotary Club.

Northeast Westchester Rotary Club Literacy Committee member John Katzenstein said the book was in keeping with the club's mission.

"Our goal is to improve the lives of

others," he said, adding the sponsors who provided funding for this year's book included Mahopac National Bank, Putnam County Savings Bank, IBM and the Pepsi Cola Foundation.

The night's keynote speaker was Mahopac resident Linda Silbert, who is a writer and educator. Silbert said the students whose works were included in the book had much to be proud of. "To be published in high school is a remarkable accomplishment," she said.

The young writers took advantage of an opportunity given to them by the Rotary Club, Silbert said. "Don't let opportunities go by you," she told the students.

Silbert discussed her book "Bessy's Pillow," a biography about her grandmother who immigrated to the United States in New Rochelle at the age of 18 in 1906. Despite the hardships she endured, her grandmother worked in many ways to make the lives of others better, Silbert said.

Several students read what they had contributed to "On My Mindy 2014."

Kennedy Catholic High School student Kristina Durham read her poem, "Abandoned," which was about the effects that her mother leaving her as a youngster had on her. Part of the poem stated:

Maybe you shouldn't come back to us
All you do is let me down
All you do is cause my heart misery
And I only have one thing to say to you mom ...

Why did you leave?
Somers High School student Charlie Park read his poem, "Today, Tomorrow and the Next Day: A story written

for the ephemeral person." Part of his poem stated:

I find the worst of all chronic wounds to be the mouth,
because breathing is an art that everyone knows you have mastered.
However, sometimes a little refresher is nice,
so you know you're doing it right.



The Women's Club of Peekskill & Cortlandt hosted a celebratory event on May 13 at the Cortlandt Yacht Club to recognize several student artists from Hendrick Hudson High School. Pictured are art teacher Jennifer Morrissy, students Dana Smith and Maddie Turfanio, Carol Flynn of the Women's Club and art teacher Jan Aiello.



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School Board Candidates Address Issues at Forum in Croton

By Sue Guzman

Dozens of residents got a chance last Tuesday night to hear school board trustee candidates for the Croton Harmon Union Free School District weigh in on a variety of issues at the Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School in Croton-on-Hudson.

Four candidates are vying for three open seats on the board. Neal Haber is a 16-year incumbent. Others running include Todd Freebern, Patrice Davidson and AnnMarie Sasso. The forum was moderated by the Westchester League of Women Voters.

The candidates outlined their experience during their opening statements.

Haber is a labor attorney who has served on the Croton Board of Education since 1998. He has lived in the district since 1990 with his wife and two grown sons, who attended Croton Harmon Schools. He has served on numerous committees during his 16 years on the school board including policy, finance, communications, personnel and special education.

Freebern serves as treasurer of the Croton Harmon Education Foundation (CHEF). He has over 15 years experience working in the finance field specializing in taxation. He has been a Croton resident since 2009 when he moved there



SUE GUZMAN PHOTO

Neal Haber, Ann Marie Sasso, Patrice Davidson and Todd Freebern.

with his wife and two children who are in the first and fourth grades at CET.

Sasso is the treasurer of the CET PTA. She is the owner of All County Contracting Inc and has served as controller for Morano Brothers Corporation in Croton-on-Hudson and interim controller for Unicorn Construction in White Plains.

Davidson has a background in finance and was responsible for managing a \$2 billion real estate loan portfolio for Citicorp. After leaving Citibank, she and her husband started a company to create a website for a wine retailer. She is also a coordinator with the Croton Destination Imagination program and helped create the Croton Harmon Community Tennis

Association.

The questions asked included, "What is the biggest issue facing the district?"

Sasso said funding is the number one issue, calling it a challenge that forces the district to "look under every rock for ways to find money and ways to save money." In addition to that, she said, "There's a need for a more collaborative classroom environment where teachers and educators work together to identify more of what each child's separate needs are, and whether they are not achieving their expectations or are achieving higher."

"The funding is obviously the toughest thing," stated Davidson. "Plus mandates are hurting us more than helping us. Many students see school as something that must be endured. In a small community such as Croton, it's not that hard to affect change. I'd like to see us promote a student voice, activism, leadership, more civic responsibility and innovation."

Freebern expressed concern that education is being standardized through such programs as the Common Core Curriculum and that the district "needs to step up its advocacy efforts" to promote differentiation. "The challenge is preparing students for jobs that are available today," he said. Funding is also a challenge, according to Freebern, "We

have an organization where revenue is capped, yet our expenses are not."

"What I find in the United States and in our state," said Haber, "is there is an attack on public education. Money is given to charter schools and private schools and public schools just have to figure out a way to do things with diminished resources." Another challenge, he said, was the Common Core Curriculum requirements, "We've discussed the 'Croton Core' where we provide the Common Core but at the same time give the students the information and the values that we want them to have as communicators, problem solvers and researchers," he added.

Candidates were also asked about what issues they would advocate for on the state level, if elected. Freebern said mandates, pension reform and special education were his top priorities while Sasso said standardized testing needs to be carefully re-examined. Davidson identified unfunded mandates as her main concern, and Haber said the tax levy cap and the move toward consolidation without careful consideration both require advocacy.

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Grade as of Sept'14

Day- Monday-Friday

Time - 8:45 am-3:45 pm

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Session II July 14-July 25

Session III July 28 Aug 8

Fee- \$405 per session

All 3 sessions \$1,100

Non Resident-\$486 per session

All 3 sessions \$1,320



DAY CAMP-

Charles Cook Park

Grades- 1- 4 as of Sept' 14

Day - Monday-Friday

Time- 8:45am-3:45pm

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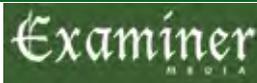


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Giants' Manning Attends Guiding Eyes Spring Tee Off

By A.J. Martelli

Throwing a game-winning pass in the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl with time winding down is nothing New York Giants' quarterback Eli Manning is unfamiliar with, having accomplished the feat twice.

Being a Super Bowl hero may mean a lot to the veteran QB. Yet being a participant in Guiding Eyes for the Blind's annual Golf Classic at the Mt. Kisco Country Club might just mean a little bit more to him. Yesterday evening Manning announced at Mulino's of Westchester in White Plains that he would be hosting the event for the eighth straight year at the spring tee off event.

Guiding Eyes, a Yorktown-based non-profit guide dog school, is thrilled to welcome Manning back into the fold – and Manning couldn't be happier to be back, as his interest keeps on growing over time.

"Each year there's different stories about the impact it has on people's lives," he said. "They're not just helping someone's life, they're changing it and it's such a great program. They (Guiding Eyes) are now helping out people with autism, and it's really an honor to be associated with a great program like Guiding Eyes."

On June 9 Manning will put on a blind-fold before the golf game begins, and he'll try to sink a putt on the practice green. Last year Manning missed the shot from 10 feet



New York Giants QB Eli Manning

away, although two years ago he hit it from 14 feet out. The golf classic will feature 14 blind golfers from around the country, competing for the Corcoran Cup – the

prize for the winner.

"I think it's all luck," Manning said of the blind putt demonstration. "I don't think it's more challenging, I think it stays just as difficult every time. I can assure you I'm not getting any better at it, but it gives you a great appreciation for all the golfers who are playing in the tournament and playing blind. It's a great feat to watch, to play golf without sight."

Manning also talked about the goings-on of the Giants' offseason, including his ankle surgery, which he said went fine. In fact, the surgery affected his preparation for the upcoming golf classic but added he's been concentrating on getting back to football form.

"The last week I've been out on the field, passing," he said "I've been doing all the routes and all the drops I can do, but I feel no issues. The injury kept me off the golf course; my main focus is getting back healthy and learning the offense."

Manning took in some down time at a Yankee game last Sunday with his older brother Peyton, though he didn't get a chance to wish retiring Yankee captain Derek Jeter well. However he plans on attending a game before the baseball season ends to say a proper goodbye to Jeter, who gave him a lot of career advice over the years.

"I didn't see him – Peyton went early

and saw batting practice and did the whole deal," Manning said. "I figure I might see Derek down the road, but it was Peyton's last chance. Derek's been great to me over the years; been a really great role model for me."

"Even at this stage in my life I still have role models and Derek 's been someone that you look up to, and you see how he conducts himself, how he handles being in the spotlight, how he plays the game, and he's been a great example for me to follow."

Manning was in Nashville, Tenn. When the Giants selected wide receiver Odell Beckham, Jr. (LSU) in the first round of this past week's NFL draft, and he's excited to be playing with someone he's familiar with. Beckham attended the Manning family's football camp while in high school, giving the Giants a decided edge being that the QB and WR know each other.

"The more skilled players and good players you can add to the team, the better," Manning said. "Odell has always been a professional. The first time I worked ever out with him I think he was a junior in high school, and he was a different athlete from the guys that were there. He stood out and it's been fun to watch him grow as a player. I've been impressed."

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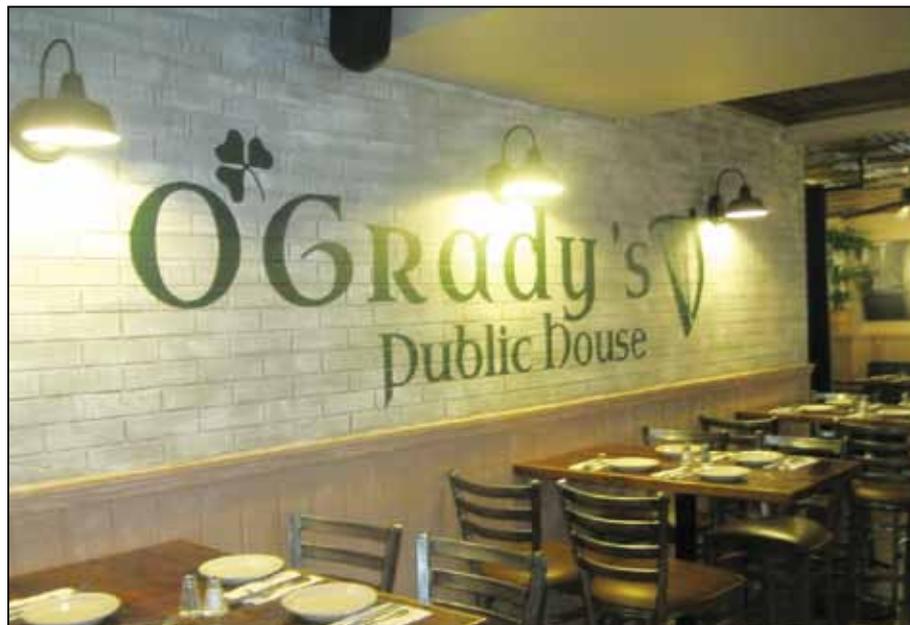
By Neal Rentz

O'Grady's Public House in Yorktown may have opened earlier this year, but its roots go back to the early 20th Century.

The Irish-themed restaurant is dedicated to Catherine O'Grady, who came to the United States from Ireland in 1908. As stated on the establishment's Web site, "Catherine's amazing love and dedication to her family, her compassion for others and her strong work ethic are what inspired us as a family to bring you O'Grady's Public House."

Tonya Anthony (whose grandmother inspired the name of the restaurant) and her husband, Mark, opened O'Grady's Public House on Commerce Street in March. Public House was chosen for the name of their business because it is an Irish name," she said, adding the eatery is "family friendly."

The menu features Irish and American fare. "Everything is homemade. There's no frozen product," Anthony explained. Some of the traditional Irish dishes served include Guinness beef stew made with a stout gravy; an Irish breakfast featuring scrambled eggs, roasted tomatoes, Irish style sausage and bacon, savory black and white pudding and Irish soda bread; and



NEAL RENTZ PHOTO

A portion of the interior of O'Grady's Public House in Yorktown.

Shepherd's Pie.

The restaurant, which opened in March by the Pawling couple, serves lunch and dinner daily. Small plate portions are available at lunch.

Anthony, a graduate of Somers High School, said Sunday brunch includes a

buffet featuring two hot dishes, as well as a choice of a served entree.

Anthony said a chef from New Jersey came to the restaurant prior to its opening to train the staff as well as having the staff also travel to the Garden State for additional training. "The food

is amazing," Anthony said. "I'm a true believer in it."

O'Grady's is not the first restaurant the couple has owned. Anthony previously owned a café in Hopewell Junction and her husband also operates the South Side Sports Bar and Grille in Mahopac. "Once you do it you're addicted," Anthony, said, explaining why the couple has devoted their careers to the restaurant business. "This one has more of my heart in it because I did it all with my family history"

Anthony said the building that houses O'Grady's formerly was the site of a sports bar and much renovation work was done. The establishment is doing brisk business with families, she said. Customers have come in and "didn't expect it to be so beautiful," she said.

Anthony said there was ample parking in back of the restaurant, which is located in a small strip shopping center. "People don't realize we have parking in the rear," she said.

O'Grady's Public House is located at 1927 Commerce St. in Yorktown. It serves lunch (excluding Sundays) and dinner daily and Sunday brunch from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, call 914-214-8600 or visit ogradyspublichouse.com.

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A Miracle in Home Improvement With Woman-to-Woman Talk

For several years now, I've noticed that my Home Guru column has often shared the same page as the Miracle Home Improvements advertisement.

I didn't know anything about the company, so I thought I'd call and introduce myself. When I asked for the owner I was directed to Robert Sniffen.

I thanked him for his company's support and asked if there was anything that he would consider unique about his services.

"I certainly do," he said. "I have a secret weapon: my wife Mary. She is my sole sales representative and she is very successful at it because women are the decision-makers about home improvements and they relate better to another woman."

In thinking about that, I realized that for the many years I've been a homeowner, I have never once encountered a woman to pitch a home improvement job to me. Yet, I have always deferred to my wife to make the final choice about design elements and colors, so it made great sense that a woman should work with a woman about such decisions.

When I arrived at the company's build-

ing on Route 9A in Croton-on-Hudson, I saw that one side was a patchwork of different siding materials as was the garage. Once inside, I shook hands with Robert and was about to pet a blond lab when I realized it was a realistic sculpture of the Sniffen's dog, Lucy, who had grown too old to make it to the office each day. When I met Mary, I wasn't prepared to be pleasantly greeted by a lookalike for singer Amy Grant.

But any resemblance to an entertainer quickly faded as Mary launched into her tour of the showroom where she demonstrated her expertise of the products--the siding, the roofing, the windows and doors--that are incorporated into the showroom space as they would

be into a home.

When I admired a greenhouse window, I was surprised to learn that it cost over \$2,500.

"You can buy one at Home Depot for \$900," Mary bluntly said, "but it is not of the same quality." By the time she had shared with me all the special qualities of this window compared with the cheaper version, I was convinced I'd go with the



By Bill Primavera



Mary Sniffen who with her husband Robert owns Miracle Home Improvements. She's the one who handles sales with the decision makers: other women.

upgrade should I buy one.

When we finished the tour, I asked if we could sit down and talk about woman-to-woman sales. I learned that the Sniffens had been in business together since 1999 after having met and worked together for another contractor.

They bought their building after it had served as a meditation center, and the aura of tranquility still lingers in their business, with the walls of their conference room painted like a sunset.

"Our business is based on honesty,"

Robert said. Mary chimed in "and we're ethical... we care about our customers."

"We do one job at a time," Robert continued, "and we say when we can start the job and what it will cost. Then we have Mary, who is the only woman in the business who is in the field, actually hands on, and has more knowledge than most people in the industry. It's women who make decisions about home improvements and they form a bond with Mary."

"Yes, it's true," she concurred. "Ninety percent of the time I deal only with women among our customers and men are not involved at all in the decision making."

The Sniffens agreed that in home improvement, relationships are built on trust and performance and they can last for years.

With permission, the couple gives each prospective client a referral list of over 300 customers' names, addresses and telephone numbers with a description of the jobs they've done for them.

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The Grapevine Clone Wars with Mother Nature

In a recent column, I expounded on a time-honored and well-worn axiom in the wine industry: 90% of a wine is made in the vineyard. This implies that the characteristics of a wine are primarily under the influence of nature, not man. That the soil, natural irrigation, vineyard elevation and microclimate influence the vigor and unique profile of a cluster of grapes more so than the alchemy exacted by a winemaker in the winery. It is the harvested grapes that contain the elements for a great or poor wine, not a winemaker's talents.

Much has been said of the influence of modern technology in winery operations. Yet there is a growing influence of science in the vineyards as well. Man is diligently exercising his 21st century scientific enlightenment in the traditional realms of nature; advancements in genetic engineering are influencing many aspects of the natural order of nature.

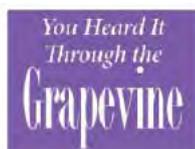
Is the 90% paradigm in jeopardy?

In recent years the characteristics of grapevines have come under the in-

creasing control of scientists and viticulturists. One such intrusion is the genetic cloning of grapevine plants, through which the vigor and quality of vines and grapes can now be influenced and enhanced.



By Nick Antonaccio



By hybridizing and then grafting select woody branches of one grapevine variety onto the grapevine rootstock of another grapevine variety, man is altering the very core of wine's natural profile, affecting resistance to disease, vitality and even the flavor of their fruits.

Examples of these grapevine clones abound.

Pinot Noir is perhaps the most fickle of grapes, subject to myriad diseases, unpredictable in various microclimates and sensitive to subtle differences in soil composition. Today, through the science of DNA research and sophisticated trials, viticulturists are able to create specific traits in field trials and laboratories to create grapevine stock that is tailored to specific vineyard sites. A viticulturist (winemaker), working with a viticulturist (vineyard professional), is able to select

from dozens of clones to find the ideal match for their vineyard plantings.

A problem with a particular soil fungus? Clone #27 is highly disease resistant. Seeking a grapevine that can tolerate frost better than others? Try Clone #19. Seeking more fruit flavors or less acid in grapes? Try Clone # 177.

Another example comes from Italy. In the 1990s, the local consortium of winemakers in the Chianti Classico region of Tuscany was struggling with a reputation for mass-produced, low quality wines. A carryover from fifty years of winemakers who focused on the bottom line rather the quality of their wines, the newest generation of winemakers were intent on improving their wines, their image and ultimately their profitability. They embarked on a multi-year, self-funded project to improve the practices of winemaking. The core goal of this research was to find the ideal grapevine clone that could optimize the growing conditions of their vineyards and the quality of their wines. After testing hundreds of existing and newly created clones, they narrowed their choices to a handful of clones. Today the quality and popularity of Chianti Classico wines is at an all-time high, as is the financial success

of the consortium.

This approach has been successful in Western Europe for years and has spread to the United States. One of my favorite examples is Siduri Winery in California. The owner, David Lee, has built a reputation for identifying multiple Pinot Noir grapevine clones that provide the optimal expression of a particular plot of land. He then contracts with growers to graft these clones each year, thus providing him with a painter's pallet of choices to mix and match. The end product is the ultimate expression of his vision to consumers.

Once again we see man inextricably entwined with nature as we seek to coexist in a vast ecosystem that becomes more delicate with each passing harvest. So long as man understands his role in fostering this balance, consumers will continue to reap the fruits.

Nick Antonaccio is a 35-year Pleasantville resident. For over 15 years he has conducted numerous wine tastings and lectures. He also offers personalized wine tastings and wine travel services. Nick's credo: continuous experimenting results in instinctive behavior. You can reach him at nantonaccio@theexaminernews.com or on Twitter @sharingwine

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Tuesday, May 20

Peekskill Art Exhibit: Return to Peekskill: 1930's Paintings by Arthur Frischke is being held through May 31 at the Field Gallery, which is located in the Field Library at 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. For further information please call 914-737-1212, e-mail Alicia Morgan, gallery curator at amorgan@wlsmail.org, or visit the library's website at www.peekskill.org.

Somers Library Exhibit: Judika Lieberman will be exhibiting her artwork of abstracts, florals, and impressionism pen and ink during the month of May at the Somers Library, located in Reis Park, off Route 139. For more information you can visit Judika's website at www.judika.com or contact her at judelowinger@gmail.com. Call the library 914-232-5717 for viewing times in the Program Room.

Adult Education: A series of class for adults are being held at the York town Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd .Mishneh Torah---Every Tuesday, between 7:30 and 9 p.m. there will be a discussion for those who want to delve deeply into Jewish practice, philosophy, history, culture and related matters. The text used will be Maimonides' MISHNEH TORAH, in English.Pirkei Avot--At 11 a.m. on the first and third Monday of every month, Rabbi Urbas will teach a classic text on ethical thinking, combined with practical tips on Jewish living. This Talmudic text is a popular work for everyone. Understanding Hebrew Prayer--- On Mondays, at 7 p.m. Cantor Isabel Kopstein will explore the Siddur. She will help students already somewhat familiar with Hebrew to advance in the knowledge of the meanings of prayers. almod and the Law--- On Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m., Wendy Segal will discuss Ethics, Talmud and Jewish law. Cases from a text book, the news, and even Judge Judy will help in understanding the wisdom of the Jewish sages and how to apply that wisdom applies to today's problems. Info: 914-245-2324 or info@yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Free Medicare Counseling: Get help understanding your Medicare benefits and coverage on Tuesdays year-round (except holidays) at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak, from 10 a.m.to 1 pm. and on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Field Library in Peekskill. No appointments are necessary for the free service. Meet with a trained counselor for information about Medicare Parts A, B and D, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Savings Plans, Extra Help and EPIC .You can also call the Senior Benefits Information Center helpline with your questions at 914-231-3260 and a counselor will return your call within

two business days. For a listing of all eight SBIC centers in Westchester libraries, go to <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/senior-benefits-information-centers/>.

Farmers' Market: The Putnam Valley Grange Farmers' Market is held every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the corner of Mill Street and Peekskill Hollow Road (Adams Corners).

Senior Benefits Information: Trained volunteer counselors help older adults and their caregivers find information about government benefits to help them stretch their budgets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the John C. Hart Memorial Library, 1130 E. Main St., Shrub Oak. Get information on Medicare health and prescription plans, nutrition assistance, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), tax relief programs, and much more. Info: 914-245-5262 Ext.227 or <http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic>.

Checkmate: A chess program is held every Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. It is held in the second floor conference room. Info: 914-941-2416 Ext. 336.

Wednesday, May 21

Torah Studies Course: Chabad of Yorktown has announced that season three (12 classes) of the Torah Studies course will be held every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. from April 30 to July 16 at the Yorktown Community Nursery School, 247 Veterans Rd. The lessons probe the depth of contemporary Torah thought. The fee for the full season is \$36 and includes the cost of the textbook. Each class is independent. For more information or to register visit: www.ChabadYorktown.com, call 914-962-6600, or email info@ChabadYorktown.com.

Bingo Wednesdays: Come to First Hebrew for \$2,000 in total guaranteed bingo prizes, plus an average of \$1,000 awarded in specialty games. Doors open 5 p.m. and games begin 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday (except holidays - check First Hebrew's website calendar.) First Hebrew is just west of the Beach Shopping Center at 1821 Main St., Peekskill. Info: 914 -739-0500 of www.firthebrew.org.

Thursday, May 22

SEF Golf Outing: The Somers Education Foundation will hold a golf outing beginning at noon at the Anglebrook Golf Club in town. The cost to play is \$295 per person or \$1,180 per foursome and includes greens fees, prizes, lunch and dinner. For more information, call 914-248-6470 or 914-275-4136.

Somers Library Drive: The Friends of the Somers Library has kicked off its annual membership drive. Membership

forms can be picked up at the Somers Library, in Reis Park on Route 139, or you can send your check to - Friends of the Somers Library, PO Box 443, Somers, NY 10589, include your name, address and e-mail address, which will assure timely notice of events. The Friends are a fully tax deductible~501(c3) organization. Annual dues are \$20 (\$50 Patron, \$100 Sponsor) and donations in any amounts will be accepted The Friends is also requesting those with matching funds to remember it.

Friday, May 23

Free Play Dates: A free play date program is being held every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Rosenthal JCC Early Childhood Center at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. The program is intended for children between the ages of 16 and 36 months and their parents or caregivers. Children can play, do art and socialize all under the direction of an experienced early childhood teacher. Pre-registration is suggested. Contact Jennifer at 914-962-8430 or e-mail her at Jennifer@rosenthaljcc.org.

Spring Services: During the spring months, Sabbath services will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday evenings and at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday mornings at the Yorktown Jewish Center, 2966 Crompond Rd. Info: 914 -245 -2324 or www.info@yorktownjewishcenter.org.

Job Hunting Help: Free drop-in, hands-on assistance with online applications, resume writing, e-mail accounts and more is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Ossining Public Library, 53 Croton Ave. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is not a computer class. Info: Cheryl at 941-2416 Ext. 315.

Saturday, May 24

Ossining Farmers Market: The Ossining Down to Earth Farmers Market is held year-round on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Main and Spring Streets. Info: 914-923-4837 Ext. 202.

Overeaters Anony-mous: Worried about the way you eat? If food rules your life, Overeaters Anony-mous may have the answer for you. There is no weigh-ins, dues or fees. The group meets on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 am at the fourth floor conference at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, 1350 Route 9, Garrison. Info: call/text Lisa at 917-716-2488.

Sunday, May 25

Healing Yoga: Yoga classes for women with breast cancer are held at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Hudson Yoga, 5 Old Post Rd. South, Croton-on-Hudson. Weekly classes are being conducted by rotating instructors. The suggestion is \$15. Info: Elisha Simpson at 914-319-4010 or send an e-mail to info@laughingheartesyoga.com.

Monday, May 26

Lasdon Antiques Fair: The 30th Lasdon Memorial Day Antiques Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the park, located at 2610 Amawalk Rd. (Route 35). Admission is \$8 or \$7 with a pre-show advertisement or postcard. Admission for Friends of Lasdon is \$7. There will be free parking and the event will be held rain or shine. For further information, visit vsshows.com or call 845-893-8428.

Helping Homeless Veterans: The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 21 and My Brother Vinny need your help in assisting homeless veterans. Once a homeless veteran is approved by the government for apartment living, the veteran needs all the furnishings, linens, towels, cooking, eating utensils to set up his new apartment. One item that is desperately needed is window air conditioners. Anyone who wishes to donate an air conditioner, bed linens or towels may drop them off at St. Luke's Church's basement, Route 100, Somers NY. Hours of drop-off are Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p.m. Please leave your name and address so we may thank you. Info: 914-277-4822.

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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Tasty Putnam Cinema
- 7. Indian tourist city
- 11. Lacking the resources
- 12. Toe feature
- 13. Central American country
- 14. Object of worship
- 15. Edge
- 17. Speed measurement, abbr.
- 20. Subject to loss on a laptop
- 24. Employing
- 26. A beast of burden
- 27. Make known
- 29. Essence
- 30. Nothing at all
- 31. With it
- 34. Colorful antique shed in Mahopac
- 40. "Eat, Pray, Love" setting
- 41. Talk from the pulpit
- 42. "Beat it!"
- 43. The best of times

DOWN

- 1. Trophy
- 2. A collection of antidotes
- 3. Executed a specific program

- 4. Wharton grad
- 5. "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
- 6. Live's partner
- 7. Sloth, e.g.
- 8. Roam (about)
- 9. ___ de Janeiro
- 10. First word of "California Dreamin'"
- 16. Presque ___, Me.
- 17. Damp ground
- 18. Pressure measure
- 19. Subject of "Philadelphia"
- 20. Unattractive tangelo?
- 21. Singer, Morrison
- 22. Flightless Aussie bird
- 23. Butter blob
- 25. Papal ambassador
- 28. Graphic symbol. in computing
- 31. Radios
- 32. Cry of defiance
- 33. U.N. agency established in 1919
- 35. Bard's preposition
- 36. "The Conquest of Space" writer Willy
- 37. Boy
- 38. Goose, in Genova
- 39. Kid's query

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Art Garfunkel
June 14th, 8pm



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June 27th, 8pm



The iconic multi-platinum selling Marshall Tucker Band brings all their hits to Peekskill. "Heard It In A Love Song", "Can't You See", "Fire On The Mountain" and "Take The Highway" and a dozen more favorites will all be featured. Their distinctive sound is instantly recognizable and you'll be singing along from beginning to end.

Eaglemania
July 18th, 8pm



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Foghat
July 19th, 8pm



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June

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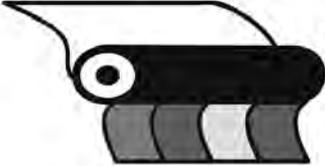
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ATTORNEY ADVERTISING

Whimsical, Wonderful Mary Poppins Flies into WBT

By Evelyn J. Mocbeichel

At first thought a reader might think the Westchester Broadway Theatre's (WBT) current production, *Mary Poppins* is a children's show. Not so! Although the musical is based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film, this is where the similarities end. The cherished 1964 Disney film has been re-imagined into a spectacular new musical.

The show has been created, in collaboration with Cameron Mackintosh, by Academy Award-winning screenwriter and Downtown Abbey creator, Julian Fellowes. New songs and additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe have been added and co-created by Cameron Mackintosh. The show was on Broadway for over 2,500 performances and delighted audiences and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The show features all of the unforgettable songs of the movie, timeless classics, such as "Feed the Birds," "Jolly Holiday," "Step in Time," "A Spoon Full of Sugar" and the Academy Award-winning "Chim-Chim Cher-ee" and the most noted song of all the memorable and humorous, "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!"

Here's a little bit of interesting trivia about the film version that is part of Hollywood history. Walt Disney originally considered Angela Lansbury, Mary Martin and Bette Davis for the title role. Author P.L. Travers originally didn't want Julie Andrews in the role, because May Poppins in her book was a short, plump lady and the author didn't want a beautiful woman to play the role. As we know, the final casting decision worked out famously.

It has been a while since I saw the classic Disney film, since our children are all adults now, so the storyline was a bit vague to my memory. As it unfolded the message it contained was really for audiences of all ages. With each scene being carried out, viewers no longer felt



The cast of *Mary Poppins*.

as if it were a production for children only. As long time WBT theatre goers and avid fans of their presentations, it is easy to say this is among their most outstanding productions. The story unfolds as Bert, the jack-of-all trades, including a chimney sweep, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Lauren Blackman stars as Mary Poppins and Leo Ash Evans as Bert. The young Banks children, Jane and Michael, have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes both children and adults alike on many magical and memorable adventures, discovering a world where "anything can happen if you let it".

We have always been impressed by the scenery and creative set design on this intimate stage and once again this production far exceeded even our expectations. From the interior of the

stately Banks home, to the wrought iron gated park and fantasy fairground with Roman statues, to the children's cozy bedroom, the sets are quietly and quickly changed after each scene. Most impressive were the London rooftop silhouettes and starlit nights where the chimney sweep watches over the quiet city. Every character, costume change and detail to period setting designed by Steven Loftus is outstanding and quickly draws the audience into the feel of 1910 London. With a cast of over 20 performers, there are multiple roles for each and costume changes are swift and each actor completely transformed. The WBT favorite, Richard Stafford, directed and choreographed the numbers for the show and the dance routines were vigorous and entertaining. Of course the main character, Mary Poppins, starring the marvelously talented Lauren Blackman, made "Mary" come to life. Within minutes of her appearance on stage, her whimsical powers, kind heart

towards the children and no nonsense for anything but "practically perfect" behavior carried the viewer easily into the story line.

Of course there could be no story of *Mary Poppins* without the most famous scenes of all and that is Mary flying through the air and the WBT carried this part of the storyline expertly as she flew over the audience. Casting for all WBT productions is usually spot on and this time around was no exception. Bert, the Bank parents and the very talented young children cast in the roles were wonderfully and honestly played and most believable. *Mary Poppins*, an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs and breathtaking dance numbers, make it the musical that soars high above the rest. It is a multi-talented cast.

This show is one for audiences of all ages. During intermission I noticed some families came with children of theatre going age, perhaps eight years old and up. Tickets for *Mary Poppins* would make a wonderful end of the school term gift for a family or perhaps a birthday treat for that hard to plan "tween birthday party." As for myself, I plan on arranging a ladies night out and go again with several friends. As mentioned earlier, this is a show for all ages, especially those young at heart. Don't miss this one! This is one of the best values in the Westchester area. Dinner and a show for a reasonable price, free parking and conveniently located. *Mary Poppins* runs through July 27. Westchester Broadway Theatre, 1 Broadway Plaza, Elmsford, NY 10523 (914)592-2268 x804 www.Broadwaytheatre.com.

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